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FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA COAST

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From Our Own Correspondent.

PORT ROYAL, Monday, Feb. 2, 1863.

We have startling news from the blockading fleet off Charleston. On Saturday last, the 31st ultimo, in the quiet, hazy atmosphere of early morning, two iron-clad rams, of whose existence we have often heard, sallied out of Charleston harbor, and dashed madly around among the gunboats, attempting to repeat the affair of the *Merrimac* at Hampton Roads with the ill-fated *Congress* and *Cumberland*. Coming down the main ship channel, the rams first attacked the *Mercedita*, and with such sudden fury that her crew were unable to fire a shot, and were forced to surrender the vessel. Her consort, the *Keystone State*, first received the brunt of the encounter, as, attracted by the firing, she bore gallantly down to the scene of the affray, and returned the fire vigorously, only to find, however, that her adversary was invulnerable, and herself was getting smashed to pieces. The unwonted transit soon brought the *Housatonic*, *Quaker City*, *Memphis*, and other vessels from their various stations along the 15 miles' stretch of bar to the place of conflict, and the action was becoming general, when the rebel craft withdrew, retiring toward the city through Swash Channel—those on board doubtless in a state of exultation at the brief morning's work, and imagining, in the dim, uncertain light, that they had wrought more disaster than had actually resulted. The risk, however, was certainly destructive enough. Our casualty list foots up 24 killed and 22 wounded, and we lose, besides, the services of the *Mercedita's* officers and crew, who were captured and paroled.

Misfortunes, too, never come singly. The advent of the rams was preceded on Friday afternoon by the capture of the gunboat *Isaac Smith*, and her officers and crew, in the Stono River, by shore batteries, while she was making a reconnoissance.

The first rumor of these mishaps was brought to Port Royal on Saturday afternoon, and, like all early rumors, it was greatly exaggerated. In addition to the marvelous truth, there was an old story rumored, to the effect that the gunboats *Ottawa* and *Unadilla* had succumbed to the rams, and were both taken into Charleston, soon to come out again as well-equipped privateers. Indeed, at the present time, a correct version of the affair is sparcely current on shore; for Admiral DUPONT (wisely, I do not doubt) has placed an embargo upon the circulation of news from the fleet, and naval officers are restricted by general order from telling what they know, for fear that they may reveal what might be improper to get into circulation. Cold-blooded gentlemen are therefore reticent and taciturn when questioned respecting the news, and shake their heads, and say that their lips are sealed.

This circumstance taken into account, with additional facts that the naval anchorage is nearly three miles distant from your correspondent's headquarters, with a strong current rolling between and an annoying lack of boats and boatmen, will make it at once apparent that he has had some difficulty in obtaining an intelligible and trustworthy account of what has happened. However, by dint of perseverance and exertion in the proper direction he was enabled to visit the *Keystone State*, and must hop, just previous to the departure of a mail, hastily write the particulars of the affair as he learned them from Capt. LEROY, the commander of that vessel.

THE ATTACK ON THE MERCEDITA.

The *Mercedita* was stationed near the entrance to the main ship channel. About 3 o'clock on Saturday morning she got under weigh, to chase a vessel which was apparently trying to enter the blockade. Coming up with the suspected craft, she proved to be a small steam-transport, bound in Port Royal, whose Captain had run unfortunately close to Charleston bar. At four o'clock the *Mercedita* was again anchored in her station, and her commander, Capt. SCHWAWLEN, had just gone to his cabin, when it was reported to him that a steamer, evidently burning soft coal, from the dense black smoke which issued from her funnel, was within four or five hundred yards of the ship. At the same time, all hands were called to quarters, and preparations were made to ship the cable and give chase. Before these arrangements could be carried into effect, the steamer had come within hailing distance, and Mr. ABBOTT, First Lieutenant and Executive Officer of the *Mercedita*, challenged her in the usual way. He received some unintelligible answer, and almost at the same instant the ram let drive a 100-pounder rifled projectile, which crashed through the *Mercedita's* hull and exploded her boiler, killing four men and wounding three others, besides filling the "between-decks" with steam and causing a terrible confusion.

Without slackening speed, the ram continued the assault by ranging alongside, and thrusting her iron prow firmly into the starboard quarter of the gunboat. In this position she remained perfectly secure from the *Mercedita's* guns, which overtopped the low sloping roof of iron which shielded the crew of her antagonist, and could not be depressed sufficiently to be of service. Therefore, when the command was made to surrender, Capt. SCHWAWLEN had no alternative but compliance. He, however, deferred the unpleasant moment as long as possible, in order to attract the attention of the Keystone State, and warn her of the danger. When, at last, the public would no longer delay, and it became a question of "surrender instantly or sink," Lieut. ABBOTT was sent on board to hear what terms the victors might propose.

Crossing the well-greased deck of the ram, he was ushered into the cabin and had audience of the commander. Inquiring what disposition would be made of the *Mercedita's* officers and crew, Lieut. ABBOTT was informed that it was impossible to take them on board the ram, on account of her limited accommodations, and therefore they would be paroled to remain on board their own vessel, on giving a pledge not to take up arms against the Confederacy until they should be regularly exchanged. The condition was perforce accepted, and the *Mercedita* was thus placed *hors de combat*. The whole time occupied in this occurrence, from the moment when the ram was first seen, to the paroling of the captured crew, did not occupy more than 15 minutes. The water was quite calm, and the atmosphere hazy, making it impossible for the lookouts on the *Mercedita* to distinguish the approaching vessel until she was almost aboard of her, and there is not a whisper of blame against Capt. SCHELLWAGEN or his officers on account of the misfortune.

WHAT HAPPENED ON THE KEYSTONE STATE.

The part that was taken in the action by the *Keystone State* was told me by Capt. LEROY. He was on deck about 3 o'clock, to see what had caused the alarm of a vessel endeavoring to break the blockade, and having satisfied himself that it was another stray transport, he went below. Shortly after 4 o'clock, it was reported to him that the *Mercedita* had fired a gun, and in a few minutes something like a column of black smoke was seen in shore of the *Keystone State*, and also another column to the northward and eastward. One of these columns of smoke appeared to be standing toward the gunboat, and Capt. LEROY ordered the cable to be shipped, and the rifled gun forward to be cleared for action. He felt satisfied, in the strange craft yet ahead of his vessel, that she was an iron-clad, and by that time most of his crew had come from below and taken their stations at the guns. When the vessels were about a ship's length from each other, Lieut. REYNAN, Executive Officer of the *Keystone State*, hailed "Ship, ahoy," and the answer was, "Hallo-o-o," or something equally as definite. At this time the *Keystone State* was under slight headway, her paddles revolving slowly, but sufficiently to give her steerage way. Discovering the character of the vessel, a shot was sent against her from the bow gun, as she was turning to swing around and get under the gunboat's stern, but fire was scarcely opened before the rebel craft replied with a shell which entered the *Keystone State* about midships on the starboard side, killing five men who were hanging in their hammocks in a row on the berth deck, and taking off the leg of a sixth, who escaped decapitation from the simple fact that he had whimsically reversed his usual mode of lying down. Following the explosion of this shell a fire broke out in the fore hold, which was extinguished only to break out again in a little time, and compelling Capt. LEROY to run his vessel off shore in order to get it under. Running free for ten minutes on a northerly course, and afterward for two minutes to the southward and eastward, he succeeded in getting the fire well out, and returned to the engagement with the intention of running the ram down. Steering directly toward her, at full speed, under a heavy fire of shot and shell, one of the last mentioned missiles struck the port steam chimney, lodging in the starboard chimney, and filling the entire forward part of the vessel with steam. Of course the *Keystone State* was completely disabled by this shot, and all on board supposed that she would fall into the hands of the enemy, as by this time the second ram was discovered not a great way off, on the port quarter. Several other shots at point blank range struck the vessel afterward, but she managed to shear off from the vicinity of the rams under the momentum she had gained for making the charge. At this juncture also the *Housatonic*, *Memphis*, and *Quaker City*, were showering heavy shot against the iron-clads, both of which hauled off, evidently fearing that our gunboats, by their vastly superior speed, would run over and sink them. The conflict scarcely lasted an hour, and it was not quite daylight when the enemy retreated. Although the gunnery on both sides was admirable, and our shot struck the rams quite frequently, no perceptible injury was done them. Rifled projectiles made no more impression upon their mailed sides than would the pelting of a wooden vessel with oranges, and of course they had the matter all their own way. The 7-inch rifled projectiles which they threw at point blank range into the *Keystone State*, passed through her as though she was built of pasteboard, ripping up her decks, shattering her hull, and splintering heavy planks into pieces fit for match timber.

The *Keystone State* was taken in tow soon after the action ceased by the *Mercedita*, Capt. WATMOUGH, and brought to Port Royal, and the *Mercedita* was also towed here by another vessel, leaving the Charleston bar comparatively unguarded. Measures were at once taken, however, by Admiral DUPONT to perfect the blockade—the sloop-of-war *Pocahontas* leaving on Saturday night, followed by the *New Ironsides*, in was trim, on Sunday morning.

THE KILLED AND WOUNDED.

Subjoined is a complete list of the killed and wounded. Among the dead will be found the name of Surgeon JACOB H. GORWIN, of the *Keystone State*. Dr. GORWIN was a native of Pennsylvania, I believe, and not more than 35 years of age. He met his death from the steam which escaped from the ruptured chimney, as he was between decks, engaged in dressing the injuries of the wounded. His body was found in a sitting posture, his hands grasping a piece of flat watch he was about to apply to one of the injured sailors. His death, like that of all the others, resulting from scalds, must have been instantaneous.

The dead were all buried yesterday afternoon in the Naval Cemetery at Bay Point. The remains were taken ashore in launches, accompanied by large delegations of the officers and crews of all the naval vessels in port, and the funeral ceremonies, though brief, were unusually solemn and impressive.

KILLED AND WOUNDED ON THE KEYSTONE STATE.

Killed.

Samuel W. Boyle, Surgeon's Steward.
Reuben Cantwell, seaman.
George Reynolds, ordinary seaman.
Wm. H. Clark, ordinary seaman.
John E. Benson, landsman.
Owen J. McGowa, landsman.
R. H. B. Thomas, landsman.
James Hay, ordinary seaman.
George A. Salon, first-class fireman.
Edward Lincoln, Orderly Sergeant Marines.
Jacob Amer, gunner's mate.
John W. Armstrong, private.
William Deitz, private.
John P. Conway, private.
W. Paton, private.
Patrick Herrick, private.
Robert Willinger, second-class boy.
Robert McKenzie, second-class boy.
Thomas Riley.

Wounded.

Fenton Bellville, severely scalded, face and hands.
William Cotton, Quartermaster—slightly in the thigh shell.
John W. Wright, captain of the hold—slightly wounded, face and hands.
Morris O'Donnell, ordinary seaman—slightly in the by shell.
Thomas Kelly, ordinary seaman—slightly in the by shell.
John Sullivan, landsman—loss of both feet shot away.
John Quinn, second landsman—shot in thigh.
Patrick Sofan, first-class fireman—badly scalded in face.
Robert A. Atkinson, ordinary seaman—slightly scalded.
Reuben A. Rook, second-class fireman—slightly scalded, face and hands.
William Loftus, second-class fireman—badly scalded, face, hands, arms and body.
Jas. Hussey, coal-heaver—scalded, hands, face and neck.
Alex. McKnight, coal-heaver—slightly scalded, face and neck.
Patrick Fagan, coal-heaver—slightly scalded, face, hands and neck.
John McKenna, coal-heaver—slightly scalded.
Frank Hight—slightly scalded.
John Burns, coal-heaver—badly scalded, face, hands and neck.
Hugh Golden, coal-heaver—scalded, face, hands and neck.
Kenny Smith, second-class boy—slightly scalded, face and hands.
Michael Scott, master—wounded in foot from splinter.

KILLED AND WOUNDED ON THE MERCEDITA.

Killed.

Jacob Amer, gunner.
Wm. Bennett, first-class fireman.
James Armstrong, ordinary seaman.

THE LOSS OF THE ISAAC SMITH.

To the *Inter Ocean*, Lieut. Commander COMSTOCK, and the dispatch-boat Commodore McDonough, has been assigned for some time the duty of blockading the Stono River and watching the enemy on James Island, to prevent the erection of batteries at the scene of our disaster in June, last year. Each of these vessels was accustomed, in turn, to penetrate the river a distance of four or five miles every few days on reconnoitre. In carrying out this plan on Friday morning last, the dispatch-boat went up as far as GENERAL's plantation, on the northern bank of the Stono, near where the late Gen. STEVENS' command was encamped last Summer, leaving the *McDonough* in Folly River, near the mouth of the Stono. In the afternoon, Capt. COMSTOCK determined to return, and when half-way back, fire was simultaneously opened upon his vessel from three batteries that had been constructed in the night and perfectly masked. One of these batteries was on the southern, and the other two on the northern side of the Stono River, and the Dutch became the centre of a triangular fire, which would have been too much for a much stronger vessel than she to pass through. Leaving the commanding the Captain of the *McDonough* steamed up the river in time to see your Capt. COMSTOCK making a heroic resistance, and finally succumbing after his steering-gear was shot away, and his vessel had become unmanageable. The *McDonough* could render her gallant consort no assistance, and returned to report the sad tidings of her loss to the Admiral. Of course there is nothing positively known of the number of casualties which have resulted from the affair, but from the frequency of the fire, it is reasonable to suppose that there were many.

The *Isaac Smith* was a purchased vessel, and carried a heavy armament, with a crew of about 100 men. She was originally a cattle barge on the Hudson River, and was converted into a man-of-war by simply raising the upper deck. Both she and the *Mercedita* were known as "paper ships" in the navy, on account of the slightness of their build—the latter vessel, also, having been a cattle transport from the coast of Texas to New-Orleans.

Inclosed is a list of officers of the *Keystone State*. Lists of officers of the *Mercedita* and *Isaac Smith* have already appeared in the TIMES:

Wm. R. Le Roy, Commander.
Trent H. Reynan, Lieutenant-Commander.
Chas. H. Carver, Acting Master.
Curtis Rayman, Acting Master.
D. S. Dagg, Acting Master.
C. M. Bird, Acting Master.
James S. Skinner, Acting Paymaster.
David L. Bridge, Acting Gunner.
A. S. Middleton, Acting First Assistant Engineer.
J. S. Doran, Acting Second Assistant Engineer.
Williams F. Webster, Acting Third Assistant Engineer.
John Smith, Acting Third Assistant Engineer.
P. L. Fry, Acting Third Assistant Engineer.
D. W. Gregory, Acting Third Assistant Engineer.
Wm. H. Doane, Captain's Clerk.
John C. Murphy, Acting Master's Mate.
J. S. Jones, Acting Master's Mate.
T. F. Ridgway, Acting Master's Mate.

THE PRINCESS ROYAL—A VALUABLE PRIZE.

I am glad to turn from this story of disaster and write of the capture of the British steamer *Princess Royal*, which is the only gleam of light that has burst from the past gloomy week off Charleston. She was taken by the gunboat *Unadilla* before daylight on the morning of the 29th, while working her way into Moffit's Channel. The vessel was first discovered by the dispatch-boat *C. W. Sheaf*, and the *Unadilla*, being in shore of the prize, was signaled to cut her off. *The Princess Royal* is an iron vessel, schooner rigged, and propelled by a screw, making an average speed of about 12 knots an hour. Her hull, spars, funnel, &c., are painted lead color, in imitation of our gunboats, doubtless with the intention of thus more easily eluding the vigilance of our blockading fleet. Her cargo is said to be a most valuable one. She was built in Greenock in 1861. From the Charleston *Courier* of Jan. 30 I copy the following account of her capture:

CAPTURE OF THE BRITISH STEAMER PRINCESS ROYAL.—The steam propeller *Princess Royal*, Capt. Lewis, from Nassau and Bermuda, which we took in Cargo, St. Johns, (N. F.) Halifax, (N. S.) and Bermuda, having left the latter port on Friday, 23d inst., was captured at an early hour, yesterday morning, off this port, by the Yankee blockaders. She was suddenly surrounded by a number of the fleet before daylight, and the officers had to run her on the beach of Long Island, as the best resource left to them. During yesterday, the light-draft Yankee gunboats got a line on her and succeeded in getting her off before high water. Capt. Thomas GRAY, the Charleston pilot, Mr. Wagner, a passenger, of Georgetown, S. C., and two white men, escaped from her to a boat and reached the city last evening.

Yesterday afternoon, about dusk, there came on board, from Capt. Maury, U. S. N., now in Europe, in the Confederate steamer, Alabama, who had taken refuge in the city, the Princess Royal had on board a cargo of great value in 'em, consisting of machinery and gunboats, Whitworth guns, rifled projectiles and Enfield rifles, in quantities sufficient to arm a whole battalion of infantry. The Princess Royal was a prize of war, and was condemned by Capt. Maury, who ordered her to be sent into the port of Charleston, in the care of a prize crew, consisting of Lieut. Pelot, in charge, Midshipmen Hunter, Hamilton and Stevens, and 8 seamen, who had orders to run her into port, blowing a hole in her, if need, some four or five feet square, killing the gunner, and by the escape of steam, scalding a number of the men, and rendering her motive power apparently useless.

Unable to see her gone, and being at the mercy of the enemy, who was adjacent on his men-of-war cruiser, all further resistance was deemed hopeless, by Capt. Rammages, and he surrendered. The crew and officers were paroled, though nothing was said of the ship, but Executive Officer, Lieut. Commander Amer, having gone on board the enemy's gunboat and made the arrangement.

The iron-clad leaving the *Mercedita* to her fate—to sink or not—next engaged the *Keystone State*, Commander Lenoir, who was attached by the other. Their fire was gallantly returned, but a shell exploding in the foremost of this vessel she was set on fire.

Commander Lenoir kept off until the fire was got under, when he steered again for the ironclad, having ordered on a full head of steam, designed to try to run her down. The guns had been trained and designed for a plunging fire at the moment of collision, and the ship had attained a speed of twelve knots, when a shell or shot from the enemy passed through both the steam chimneys, wholly disabling her boilers and rendering her powerless.

Ten rifle shell struck the *Keystone State*, and two passed on the quarter-deck, but most of them struck the hull, being near and below the water-line.

In the meantime the *Augusta*, Commander FAUNCE; the *Quaker City*, Commander FARRAGUT; and the *Mercedita*, Acting-Lieut. WATMOUGH, kept up a fire upon the enemy, diverting their attention from the *Keystone State*, which was soon after taken in tow by the *Memphis*, and drawn away from the fire.

The *Augusta* and *Quaker City* were both struck in their hulls.

The *Memphis* was only struck in her rigging.

The *Housatonic* gave chase, and a shot from her struck the pilot-house, doing it no thought some damage, and carrying away one of her flags.

The rebel vessels then ceased to the northward, continuing the fire of our ships, and their escape in the Seven Chimneys behind the Moats.

The only casualties were on the *Mercedita* and the *Keystone State*.

On the *Keystone State* they are very large—about one-fourth of her crew were killed or wounded, and among the former is the amiable Surgeon of the ship, Assistant Surgeon JACOB H. GORWIN, who was killed in death while rendering surgical aid to one of the wounded men.

Most of those who died perished from the escape of steam when the boilers and steam chimneys were penetrated, and among the wounded the greater number received their injuries from the same cause.

As the *Mercedita* was the only vessel which surrendered, I have directed a Court of Inquiry to exhaustively hold the circumstances of the case, as well as into the terms under which the surrender was made. This investigation was asked for by Capt. SCHWAWLEN.

I received this intelligence on Saturday, at 3 P. M., by the *Augusta*, which ship immediately returned to Charleston.

The *Mercedita* came after arrival, and the *Keystone State* in tow of the *Memphis*, while the latter vessel was at once sent back to her station.

The *James Adger*, Commander BARNWELL, was also towed back. She was just coming into Port Royal and was ordered back to Charleston.

The *Pocahontas*, through the commendable zeal of Capt. GORDON, was also got ready by 9 o'clock P. M., and the channel and bar buoys lighted, when she passed out safely.

I forward herewith copies of the reports of Capt. SCHWAWLEN, Lieutenant Commander ABBOTT, and Commander LENOIR, also, the reports of the commanders behind the *Mercedita* and the *Keystone State*.

On the *Mercedita* there were four killed and three wounded, and on the *Keystone State* twenty-killed and twenty wounded.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. F. DUPONT, Rear Admiral.

To Hon. GIDEON WELLES, Secretary of the Navy.

COMMANDER STELLWAGEN'S REPORT.

The following is the report of Commander STELLWAGEN:

U. S. S. KEYSTONE STATE, MARMORA, Port Royal, Jan. 31, 1863.

Rear-Admiral S. F. Dupont:

SIR: I have to report that at half-past four this morning, the iron-clad came from Charleston, in the obscurity of a dark night, and the enemy having just succeeded in passing the bar near the ship Channel, unperceived by the Squadron, and made a great deal of noise, this ship being the first encountered.

Particular vigilance was exhibited by the officers and crew in the expectation of a vessel to run the blockade.

At 4 o'clock in the morning we had slipped our cable, and overhauled a large steamer running the channel. At 4 o'clock I laid down. Lieut.-Com. ABBOTT was on deck giving an order to Acting-Master DWYER, about recovering the anchor, when they saw a smoke and the faint appearance of a vessel close at hand.

I heard them exclaim, "She has black smoke," "Watch, man the guns," "Spring the rattle," "Call all hands to quarters."

Mr. DWYER came to the cabin-door telling me "a steamer was close aboard."

I was then in the act of getting my pea-jacket, and slipped it on as I followed him out. I jumped to the pea-netting, saw the smoke and a low boat, apparently a tug, although I thought it might be a little propeller for the squadron.

I sang out "Train your guns right on him—be ready to fire as soon as I order."

I hailed the steamer "A boy! Stop! Good God! all hands to! What steamer is that?" I then ordered my men to fire on him, and told him "You will be into us. What steamer is that?"

His answer to the first and second hail was "Hallo!" The other replies were indistinct, either by intention or from having spoken inside of his shell screen, with the act of striking in with his prow when he said, "This is the Confederate States steamer ram."

I repeated the order, "Fire!" "Fire!" "Fire!"—but no gun could be trained on him, as he approached on on the quarter, and under our port shell was aftermost with a thirty-two pounder, and fired a heavy ride through us diagonally, penetrating the starboard side through our Normandy quadrant, the steam-drum of our port boiler, and emerging against the port side of the ship, blowing a hole in it, and some four or five feet square.

The vessel was instantly filled and enveloped with steam. Reports were brought to me "that we were shot through both boilers; that the fires were put out by the steam and smoke; that a gunner and one man were killed; that a number of men were badly scalded; that the water was over the firerooms floor, and that the vessel was sinking fast."

The ram had cut us through at and below the Welsh line on the side, and the shell had gone in the other side almost at the waters edge.

After the ram struck she swung around, bodies our starboard counter, her prow touching us and hailed, "Surrender, or I'll sink you. Do you surrender?"

After receiving the reports, I answered, "I can make no resistance. My boiler is destroyed."

The rebel then cried out, "Do you surrender?"

I said, "Yes," having found engineering power destroyed, and that I could bring nothing to bear but muskets against his shot-proof sailing.

He hailed several times "to send a boat," and shortly after the ram, which had backed off, that was lowered, and Lieut.-Commander ABBOTT asked if he should go in her, and asked for orders what to say.

I told him to go, what they demanded, and to tell them the condition we were in. He proceeded, and, according to their demand, gave his parole on behalf of himself and all the officers and crew. His report accompanies this.

The ram, having been detained a half-hour or more, now ran out for the steamer Keystone State, which vessel and three others we had tried to alarm by lights.

We now a short exposure as if struck the ram, without injuring her. Saw the Keystone State struck several times, and saw the smoke and blood pouring from her.

The firing then receded in the northwest and westward, and was pretty brisk at the head of the line. I set everybody at work taking care of our wounded, pumping the ship, stopping leaks, examining the engines, &c.

About 6 A. M., got things in order to stop a little steam and have up anchor. The Stono and Fort Pocotaligo were conditions, I was there they might be waited to the southward to pick up that, the fighting now being over.

In conclusion, I have to say that in the operations where all the vessels were conspicuous for vigilance, this ship has never been found wanting. Everything was done the circumstances permitted, and in a proper manner.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

F. S. STELLWAGEN.

REPORT OF LIEUT-COMMANDER ABBOTT.

The following is the report of Lieut.-Commander ABBOTT, giving an account of the proceedings on board the rebel ram and his reception on that vessel in regard to the disabled condition of the *Mercedita*:

SIR: In obedience to your order I proceeded to the rebel ram and was received by Lieut. PERRY and PETERSON, and conducted by the former to the house, where I was received by her Captain. His name I did not learn. I told him I had come in the name of Capt. STELLWAGEN to give up the United States steamer *Mercedita*, she being in a sinking and perfectly defenseless condition.

They asked me about the condition of our boats and the number of the crew. I told them our boats were not large enough, nor in a proper condition to carry our number of men.

After privately consulting with the Commodore, the Captain returned to me, saying, "That they had concluded to parole our officers and crew, provided I would pledge my sacred word of honor that neither I or any of the officers and crew of the *Mercedita* would again take up arms against the Confederate States during the war, unless legally and regularly exchanged as prisoners of war."

Believing it to be the proper course to pursue at that time, I consented. I was then informed that I could return to the *Mercedita*.

I will here state in this report that I was on deck at the time the smoke from the ram was discovered, and in less than two minutes she was into us.

Your order to fire into her could not be obeyed as no gun in the ship could be depressed or trained to hit her, though every effort was made to do so, she being so low in the water and coming upon us "quarter-ing." We had only time to get the men to their quarters, and before we could slip our cable we were without steam, a shell having passed completely through the ship and boiler.

I am, very respectfully,

T. ABBOTT, Lieut.-Commander.

Capt. HENRY S. STELLWAGEN, United State Steamer *Mercedita*.

REPORT OF COMMODORE LEROY.

Commodore LEROY, of the *Keystone State*, reports to Rear-Admiral DUPONT:

SIR: I have to report that about 5 o'clock on this day, Jan. 31, while at anchor off the main entrance of the harbor of Charleston, the ship was approached by what was supposed to be a steamer, but regarding her appearance as suspicious, I ordered the cable slipped, and fired a gun which was responded to by a shell, when I ordered the gunner to be free as they could be brought to bear upon the object. Depositing my mind in the contrast it was discovered that there was one on either quarter, and we made them out from their peculiar construction to be iron-clads after the model of the *Merrimac*. Owing to a fire in the hold, we stood to the northward about ten minutes, and shoaling water, kept southward about ten minutes to enable us to extinguish the fire, and then returned inward, and under full steam, prepared attempting to run down the ram, but about 6 A. M., a shell from one of them entered on the port side, under the forward wheel house guard, passing the port steam chimney landing in the starboard, depriving us of our motive power. Two side shells struck the ship, and two burst on the upper deck, the latter shell entering the hulk between main and fore masts (the white line). Our steam chimneys being destroyed, our motive power was lost, and our situation became critical. There were two feet of water in the ship, and leaking badly—the water gaining rapidly, and the fire held on fire. Others of the squadron coming along, the ram fired that injured us as much altered her course, and before her wheels entirely stopped, we were enabled to get a hawser from the Memphis and were taken in tow.

I regret to report our casualties very large. Some twenty were killed and twenty wounded. Among the killed I have to mention the Surgeon of the ship, Assistant Surgeon JACOB H. GORWIN, who was killed while in the act of rendering assistance to some of the wounded. Capt. WATMOUGH, of the Mercedita, kindly gave us the services of Assistant Surgeon PETERSON, which were most indefatigable in his exertions to be exhibited in caring for the wounded. Being unable to communicate with the Senior Officer present personally or by signal, I assumed the duty of Commander FRIDAY signaling the steamer to make the best of my way to Port Royal, Commander FRIDAY by my request, acquiring the Senior Officer that I would leave in tow of the *Mercedita* unless he gave other orders.

Accompanying, please find list of casualties. In conclusion, I may be allowed to state that the conduct of all under my command, in discharging their duty, and particularly in the cool and efficient manner in which I was seconded by Lieut.-Commander Thomas H. Stevens, the Executive Officer of the ship.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

(Signed.) WM. R. LEROY, Commander.

OTHER REPORTS.

Capt. W. R. TAYLOR, senior officer of the Mortar vessels, makes to Admiral DUPONT a corroborative report of the action, but all the details are published elsewhere. He thinks he shot from the forward port of the flagship of the rebel ram, but as the shot distinctly rebounded away, and he had to assist the *Quaker City*, he could not ascertain with certainty.

The flagship received one shot in her side. The gun was injured. Capt. TAYLOR sent the *Keystone State* to Port Royal, as she was disabled. He had seen the rebel ram lying in Moffit's Channel, close to Sullivan's with no signs of a fresh attack.

THE LOSS OF THE ISAAC SMITH.

REPORT OF ADMIRAL DUPONT.

FLAG-SHIP WABASH, Port Royal Harbor, S. C., Feb. 1, 1863.

SIR: On Saturday, when I received the details of the affair of Commodore Comstock, referred to in my previous dispatch, No. 83, there were also vague rumors that two gunboats, holding Stono Inlet, had been engaged, heavy firing having been heard in that direction. At 5 o'clock, A. M. of the morning, Commodore McDougal came into Port Royal, and I again to

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THE OFFICIAL REPORTS.

THE AFFAIR OFF CHARLESTON.

DISPATCH FROM ADMIRAL DUPONT.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Feb. 9.

A bearer of official dispatches from the fleet off Charleston has arrived here. The following is from Rear-Admiral DUPONT, concerning the rebel attack on our squadron off that port:

FLAG-SHIP WABASH, PORT ROYAL, Feb. 2, 1863.

SIR: I have to report that about 4 o'clock on the morning of the 31st ult., during the obscurity of a pitch dark night, two iron-clad gunboats came out of Charleston by the main ship channel, unperceived by the squadron, and commenced a fight upon the blockading fleet.

Most of the latter were off the light-vessels of partly-sunken vessels, two of the heaviest men-of-war, the *Housatonic* and the *Canandaigua*, being at this port, coaling and repairing.

The *Mercedita* was the first vessel attacked. Her officers and crew had been particularly watchful during the night to look out for suspicious vessels, and at 3 o'clock had slipped her cable and were having a tow hawser running for the channel by which she had returned to her anchorage and Capt. SCHWAWLEN had gone to his room for a short time, leaving Lieut.-Commander ABBOTT, the Executive Officer, in charge of the deck. Suddenly a steamer was discovered, burning soft coal, from her funnel, coming down the channel, apparently intending to run the blockade. Her approach was also revealed by the loss and noise of the atmosphere. The vessel was immediately hailed, and an order given to fire, but the iron-clad passed close aboard, and fired into the *Mercedita* a heavy rifle-shell was fired from the enemy, which, striking the distributed side of the Mercedita, passed through her condensers and the gunwale of her port bunkers, and exploded against her port side, blowing a hole, in its exit, some four or five feet square, killing the gunner, and by the escape of steam, scalding a number of the men, and rendering her motive power apparently useless.

Unable to see her gone, and being at the mercy of the enemy, who was adjacent on his men-of-war cruiser, all further resistance was deemed hopeless, by Capt. Rammages, and he surrendered. The crew and officers were paroled, though nothing was said of the ship, but Executive Officer, Lieut.-Commander Amer, having gone on board the enemy's gunboat and made the arrangement.

The iron-clad leaving the *Mercedita* to her fate—to sink or not—next engaged the *Keystone State*, Commander Lenoir, who was attached by the other. Their fire was gallantly returned, but a shell exploding in the foremost of this vessel she was set on fire.

Commander Lenoir kept off until the fire was get under, when he steered again for the ironclad, having ordered on a full head of steam, designed to try to run her down. The guns had been trained and designed for a plunging fire at the moment of collision and the ship had attained a speed of twelve knots, when a shell or shot from the enemy passed through both the steam chimneys, wholly disabling her boilers and rendering her powerless.

Ten rifle shell struck the *Keystone State*, and two passed on the quarter-deck, but most of them struck the hull, being near and below the water-line.

In the meantime the *Augusta*, Commander FAUNCE; the *Quaker City*, Commander FARRAGUT; and the *Mercedita*, Acting-Lieut. WATMOUGH, kept up a fire upon the enemy, diverting their attention from the *Keystone State*, which was soon after taken in tow by the *Memphis*, and drawn away from the fire.

The *Augusta* and *Quaker City* were both struck in their hulls.

The *Memphis* was only struck in her rigging.

The *Housatonic* gave chase, and a shot from her struck the pilot-house, doing it no thought some damage, and carrying away one of her flags.

The rebel vessels then ceased to the northward, continuing the fire of our ships, and their escape in the Seven Chimneys behind the Moats.

The only casualties were on the *Mercedita* and the *Keystone State*.

On the *Keystone State* they are very large—about one-fourth of her crew were killed or wounded, and among the former is the amiable Surgeon of the ship, Assistant Surgeon JACOB H. GORWIN, who was killed in death while rendering surgical aid to one of the wounded men.

Most of those who died perished from the escape of steam when the boilers and steam chimneys were penetrated, and among the wounded the greater number received their injuries from the same cause.

As the *Mercedita* was the only vessel which surrendered, I have directed a Court of Inquiry to exhaustively hold the circumstances of the case, as well as into the terms under which the surrender was made. This investigation was asked for by Capt. SCHWAWLEN.

I received this intelligence on Saturday, at 3 P. M., by the *Augusta*, which ship immediately returned to Charleston.

The *Mercedita* came after arrival, and the *Keystone State* in tow of the *Memphis*, while the latter vessel was at once sent back to her station.

The *James Adger*, Commander BARNWELL, was also towed back. She was just coming into Port Royal and was ordered back to Charleston.

The *Pocahontas*, through the commendable zeal of Capt. GORDON, was also got ready by 9 o'clock P. M., and the channel and bar buoys lighted, when she passed out safely.

I forward herewith copies of the reports of Capt. SCHWAWLEN, Lieutenant Commander ABBOTT, and Commander LENOIR, also, the reports of the commanders behind the *Mercedita* and the *Keystone State*.

On the *Mercedita* there were four killed and three wounded, and on the *Keystone State* twenty-killed and twenty wounded.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. F. DUPONT, Rear Admiral.

To Hon. GIDEON WELLES, Secretary of the Navy.

COMMANDER STELLWAGEN'S REPORT.

The following is the report of Commander STELLWAGEN:

U. S. S. KEYSTONE STATE, MARMORA, Port Royal, Jan. 31, 1863.

Rear-Admiral S. F. Dupont:

SIR: I have to report that at half-past four this morning, the iron-clad came from Charleston, in the obscurity of a dark night, and the enemy having just succeeded in passing the bar near the ship Channel, unperceived by the Squadron, and made a great deal of noise, this ship being the first encountered.

Particular vigilance was exhibited by the officers and crew in the expectation of a vessel to run the blockade.

At 4 o'clock in the morning we had slipped our cable, and overhauled a large steamer running the channel. At 4 o'clock I laid down. Lieut.-Com. ABBOTT was on deck giving an order to Acting-Master DWYER, about recovering the anchor, when they saw a smoke and the faint appearance of a vessel close at hand.

I heard them exclaim, "She has black smoke," "Watch, man the guns," "Spring the rattle," "Call all hands to quarters."

Mr. DWYER came to the cabin-door telling me "a steamer was close aboard."

I was then in the act of getting my pea-jacket, and slipped it on as I followed him out. I jumped to the pea-netting, saw the smoke and a low boat, apparently a tug, although I thought it might be a little propeller for the squadron.

I sang out "Train your guns right on him—be ready to fire as soon as I order."

I hailed the steamer "A boy! Stop! Good God! all hands to! What steamer is that?" I then ordered my men to fire on him, and told him "You will be into us. What steamer is that?"

His answer to the first and second hail was "Hallo!" The other replies were indistinct, either by intention or from having spoken inside of his shell screen, with the act of striking in with his prow when he said, "This is the Confederate States steamer ram."

I repeated the order, "Fire!" "Fire!" "Fire!"—but no gun could be trained on him, as he approached on on the quarter, and under our port shell was aftermost with a thirty-two pounder, and fired a heavy ride through us diagonally, penetrating the starboard side through our Normandy quadrant, the steam-drum of our port boiler, and emerging against the port side of the ship, blowing a hole in it, and some four or five feet square.

The vessel was instantly filled and enveloped with steam. Reports were brought to me "that we were shot through both boilers; that the fires were put out by the steam and smoke; that a gunner and one man were killed; that a number of men were badly scalded; that the water was over the firerooms floor, and that the vessel was sinking fast."

The ram had cut us through at and below the Welsh line on the side, and the shell had gone in the other side almost at the waters edge.

After the ram struck she swung around, bodies our starboard counter, her prow touching us and hailed, "Surrender, or I'll sink you. Do you surrender?"

After receiving the reports, I answered, "I can make no resistance. My boiler is destroyed."

The rebel then cried out, "Do you surrender?"

I said, "Yes," having found engineering power destroyed, and that I could bring nothing to bear but muskets against his shot-proof sailing.

He hailed several times "to send a boat," and shortly after the ram, which had backed off, that was lowered, and Lieut.-Commander ABBOTT asked if he should go in her, and asked for orders what to say.

I told him to go, what they demanded, and to tell them the condition we were in. He proceeded, and, according to their demand, gave his parole on behalf of himself and all the officers and crew. His report accompanies this.

The ram, having been detained a half-hour or more, now ran out for the steamer Keystone State, which vessel and three others we had tried to alarm by lights.

We now a short exposure as if struck the ram, without injuring her. Saw the Keystone State struck several times, and saw the smoke and blood pouring from her.

The firing then receded in the northwest and westward, and was pretty brisk at the head of the line. I set everybody at work taking care of our wounded, pumping the ship, stopping leaks, examining the engines, &c.

About 6 A. M., got things in order to stop a little steam and have up anchor. The Stono and Fort Pocotaligo were con

THE WAR IN FLORIDA.

Negro Troops Against the Rebels.

The First South Carolina Volunteers in the Field.

Salt Works Destroyed.

Capt. Clifton, of the John Adams, Killed by Guerrillas.

Official Report of Col. T. W. Higginson.

From Our Own Correspondent.

FERNANDINA, Florida, Feb. 1, 1863.

Col. T. W. Higginson, with a detachment of his regiment, the First South Carolina Volunteers, came down from Beaufort last week, to attend to the wants of our rebel brethren in Georgia and Florida. At St. Simon and Jekyll islands the expedition captured a quantity of T railroad iron, valued at $5,000; livestock and missing schedule of much utility to contrabands, who are exceedingly anxious to make a crop this season. Arriving at Fernandina Col. Higginson proceeded up the St. Marys river about 35 miles to a place called Township, where he landed his command and after marching a few miles from the river, on the Florida side, he met and thoroughly routed a company of mounted Floridians, emptying at the first discharge thirteen saddles and killing and wounding many more, while on the Union side only one man was killed, Mr. Parsons, a private in Company G, and two others were seriously though not dangerously wounded. Two days after, Col. Higginson ascended with the *John Adams* as high as Woodstock, Fla. His troops made sad havoc of the rebels as often as they appeared in force on either bank. At Woodstock seven rebel prisoners were taken, and the expedition brought off forty thousand brick, lumber, live stock, and all the jewels belonging to Madame Aunapu' slave barracoon, or in civil-war parlance, jail, consisting of iron collars, bracelets for wrists and ankles, for both sexes. The only further casualty to our side, was the death of Capt. J. C. Clifton, commanding the *John Adams*. While engaged in conversation with Major Strong, standing near the pilot-house, a Minie ball fired from the shore, passed through his head, killing him instantly. Two bullets, aimed at Major Strong, struck in fearful proximity to him, but then, as on several other occasions of extreme danger in face of the enemy, he behaved in the most gallant manner.

Col. Higginson sent Capt. Trowbridge, Company A, First Regiment South Carolina Volunteers, from Fernandina, to look after the rebel salt works on the Georgian coast. Yesterday Capt. Trowbridge made the following report:

DE BOUVE'S PLANTATION, ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Jan. 31, 1863.

Col. T. W. Higginson:

COLONEL: In accordance with instructions, I proceeded yesterday in search of the salt works supposed to be at King's Bay. They have not been rebuilt since they were destroyed on the former expedition.

Changing our course, we found salt works about five miles up Crooked River, on the main land. After a march of two miles across the marsh, with thirty men, and drawing a boat to water over one inlet, we destroyed the works. We destroyed there twenty-two large boilers, two store-houses, a large quantity of salt, two cauldrons, with barrels, and all things appertaining.

I desire to make honorable mention, not only of the officers, but of Sergt. Major Fraser, Corps. Farms, Co. B, Rapmond, and Co. G, Simmons, Co. C, Robert Sutton, H. Indeed every soldier did himself credit, so far as he had opportunity, while the cheerfulness and endurance of the men made it a pleasure to command them.

We found no large numbers of Slaves anywhere. Most we brought away arrived with traffic-passes from their masters, and the men refused information. Inclosed is a specimen, taken from the person of Mr. Hazzard's Proclamation, which was found on a slave, who, to our joy, came to us on a raft off Darien. We shall use it in securing the liberty of a person, who was given out distributed till he heard that he was legally free, after which he sided as gladly and came away with us.

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The rebels had black gunners, admirably trained by Lincoln, Fernandina, and Gen. Wright, from Fort Pulaski (Pulaski artillerists) and Mr. Hazzard, of the gunboat Ida, thought the largest gunner, particularly with great coolness, made a great deal of noise.

This river expedition was not undertaken in mere wantonness. Capt. Hazzard, U. S. A., the contractor at West Chester, has urged upon the War Department to engage me to obtain a large supply of valuable timber, said to remain at the brick-yards, thirty miles up the St. Marys, from which Fort Clinch was originally built. The War Department has referred the matter to Gen. Hunter, who, I understand, offer to undertake the enterprise. Apart from this, I was the bearer of Lieut. Brooks, U. S. N., commanding United States station at Fernandina, to Major Gen. Hunter, to obtain information from persons of Fernandina, to obtain information from persons on the steamer, the *Seven*, said to be lying further up the river, awaiting opportunity to run the blockade. Both errands were accomplished. I brought away all the bricks, and ascertained the Seven to be worthless. I have the honor to state that I have on board the Sea-Dove 250 bars of the best new railroad iron, valued at $4,000, and much needed in this Department. This was obtained in St. Simons and Jekyll Islands, Georgia, from abandoned rebel forts, a portion of it having been previously blown up and collected by Gen. Sherman, of the Fort Jackson. I have also five large sticks of valuable yellow pine timber, said to be worth $700, which came from St. Marys, Georgia. There is also a quantity of rice, cotton, sugar-cane and other small machinery, valuable for army purposes. On board the *John Adams* there is a flock of 25 sheep from Woodstock, Florida. I have worked over to Cape Stake about 9,000 large mixed bricks, valued at about $14,000, in view of the present high freights. I have also interrogated Judge Baker, Civil Probate Judge of Fernandina, and other persons, and obtained information of great importance to the Government, in regard to the agricultural resources of this region.

I have sent with my own eyes, and yet behind me was considered dear, more correct information of the choicest Southern lumber to land on steamers like the *Sea Dove*—an amount estimated at more than a million feet, and probably worth at Hilton Head $20,000. I also left behind dozen stoves, valuable furniture by the household—pianos, chairs, etc., all packed up for transportation, as if we were inland for safe keeping. Not only were any officers and men forbidden to take any of these things for private use, but nothing was taken for public use save articles strictly contraband of war. No wanton destruction was permitted, nor house burning, hence, unless in retaliation for being fired upon, according to the usages of war. Of course no personal outrage was permitted or dreamed of.

We at Woodstock I took six male prisoners whom I brought down the river as hostages, intending to land part of them before reaching Fernandina and release them on parole. But in view of the ferocious attacks made upon us from the banks, this would have seemed an extent stretch of magnanimity, and by the advice of Col. HAVLEY I have brought them for your disposal.

At the same place we obtained a cannon and a flag, which I respectfully ask permission for the regiment to retain. We obtained also some trophies of a different description from a slave-pen, which I shall offer, from personal considerations, rather than as a means of different structure—the chains and shackles used for confining prisoners to the floor, and the key of the building. They much pained the feelings of the informal barbarism against which we contend.

We return at the appointed time, though there are many other objects which I wish to effect, and our ration are not nearly exhausted. But the *Sea Dove* is provided with fuel, and the transportation of the *John Adams* is running low. Capt. HAVLEY has been devoted to our interest, as was also, until his lamented death, the latter Commander of the Florida. I have hitherto said nothing, as honor demanded, of my men. Words would but mar perfectly valorous conduct. But for the labor-loss shortness Capt. HAVLEY, and her Engineer, Mr. BARNS, aided by the unremunerable energy of Capt. TROWBRIDGE, of Company A, who had the sole charge of the boat, I thanks to this they were unable during the absence of the St. Marys River, to pay attention the Abbeville and Georgia Railroad. Finding that the works at King's Bay, formerly destroyed by the enemy, had never been rebuilt, they proceeded five miles up Crooked River, where salt works were seen. Capt. TROWBRIDGE, with Capt. BROWN, of Co. F, and 30 men, then marched two miles across a marsh, dragging a boat with them, and then called up a creek and destroyed the works. There were 22 large boilers, two cauldrons, a large quantity of salt, two cauldrons, with barrels, and all things appertaining.

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Select Committee on City Property in use by Private Individuals:

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To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen of the City of New-York:

GENTLEMEN: I notice in your proceedings of yesterday, an order of an inquiry, and that you have appointment of a Committee to examine and report at as early a day as practicable, all the information they may be able to obtain touching the administration of the affairs of the Street Department during the pendency of the controversy, for the control of the other by appointment Mr. Conover, with power to send for persons and papers.

To persons in the City will need notice of the adoption of the resolution, and the investigation under it, than myself. For the last four years I have been soliciting a thorough investigation of all my books, papers and documents. They have been ready, and are now ready, for any Committee appointed to examine them. Of the twelve hundred and eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, as you will find by referring to the minutes of your Board, I claimed $[illegible] on all moneys and vouchers not which, for some cause, at the time best known to the Board, but subsequently not known of late, was refused. At the time when these claims were first made, I employed [illegible] to examine the books, vouchers and papers in the Street Commissioner's office and in the office of the Comptroller, and to make and every thing connected with my administration. Upon with all my books, papers, checks and vouchers of every kind, still were ready for your inspection, and [illegible] done on through the incessant attacks of interested parties and of a receiver not aggrieved from [illegible] Nevertheless, I have in this City, for nearly twenty years. Never in this community, of the thousands with whom I have dealt personally, will any that I have ever overreached or wronged any one. No man can say that I ever dishonored my contract or violated my word, and a character of that kind, honestly and hardly earned, I will not lose now, in the decline of life, by a set of interested parties, and of a press misled and deceived.

My whole conduct while in office—my WHOLE life—is open to the inquiry, and I am ready to stake my life upon it that any Committee of that any person, who will take the time and trouble to examine the charges preferred against me, will acquit me of all blame in the premises. Your Committee will meet with every facility from me in their investigation.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES DEVLIN,
Late Seventy Street Commissioner.

Alderman Long moved that the communication be received, ordered on file, printed at length in the minutes, and to all the papers employed by the Corporation.

Which was carried.

PETITIONS RECEIVED.

By Alderman Beale—

Petition of the officers and privates of the Sixth Regiment of the Militia, for a donation to aid them in the formation of a band.

Which was referred to the Committee on National Affairs.

REPORTS.

The Committee on Assessments presented a report in relation to the Lexington-avenue Presbyterian Church from [illegible]

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Assessments presented a report in favor of remitting an assessment against Patrick Coyle.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Streets presented a report in flag sidewalks on westerly side of Seventh-avenue, between [illegible] and North Twenty-second, and not earth and gutter stones.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Streets presented a report in pave Lafayette-place with Belgian pavement.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Fire Department presented a report in favor of building new Engine for Hose Company number Forty-two.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Streets and Sewers presented a report in favor of erecting a new fence around the Corporation yard in [illegible]

Which was laid over.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF COUNCILMEN.

Resolution that permission be given to Philip Ludwig to build a stable from number twenty-five Avenue C, to connect with the sewer in Tenth-street, the same to be laid under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Board, and at his own expense.

Which was referred to Committee on Sewers.

Resolution that the Street Commissioner be directed to cause the sidewalks and flagging to be laid in front of number two hundred and eleven West Fortieth-street, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to Committee on Roads.

Resolution of Board of Aldermen that the Clerk of the Common Council be and he is hereby authorized to appoint one clerk, at a salary of one thousand dollars per annum, for the balance of the term, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the Common Council.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolution of the Board of Aldermen, that chapter twenty-one of the Revised Ordinances, relative to organizing the Legislative Department, be amended so as to provide for two Assistant Clerks to the Office of the Board of Councilmen, at a salary of four thousand dollars each.

Which was laid over.

MOTIONS RESUMED.

Alderman Beale moved that when the Board adjourns, it do so to meet on Thursday next, twelfth instant, at one o'clock P. M.

Which was carried.

Alderman Hardy moved to discharge the Committee on Salaries and Offices from the further consideration of resolution that the salary of the Inspector of Street Vaults and Areas be increased to the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars per annum, to date from the fourth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two.

Which was carried.

And the same was laid over.

On motion the Board then adjourned.

D. T. VALENTINE, Clerk.

[OFFICIAL.]

BOARD OF COUNCILMEN.

STATED SESSION—MONDAY, Feb. 9, 1863—7 o'clock P. M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment in their Chamber, number sixteen City Hall.

PRESENT—Hermon Joyce, Esq., President, in the chair, and the following members: Councilmen Hayes, Healy, Keenan, Riley, Sandford, Webster, McVay, Green, Brady, McConnell, Roper, Houghtaling, Haviland, Gaw, McGrath, Murray, O'Brien, Cook, Brandow, Brice, Russell, Fitzgerald, Joyce.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Councilman Keenan—

Resolved, That the salary of the chief clerk of the Street Department be and the same is hereby fixed at the sum of three thousand dollars per annum, to date from first of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-three.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Councilman Hayes—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be directed and requested to pay to the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of the City of New-York, for the use of said Department, [illegible] dollars, for the use of said Department.

Which was referred to Committee on Finance.

By Councilman Hayes—

Resolved, That (If the Board of Aldermen concur) a Joint Committee of Three members from each Board be appointed to make arrangements for a suitable celebration of the birthday of Washington, February twenty-two, (twenty thousand eight hundred and sixty-three) and that the sum of $[illegible] be and is hereby appropriated to defray expenses incurred through this resolution.

Which was laid over.

Subsequently, Councilman Hayes moved that such action be rescinded.

Which was carried, and the resolution was adopted.

By Councilman Webster—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of the widow of John Slamer, late Superintendent of Lands and Places, for the amount of salary of said Superintendent for the month of February, 1863.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Hayes, Healy, Keenan, Riley, Sandford, The President, Webster, McVay, Brady, McConnell, Roper, Houghtaling, Haviland, Gaw, McGrath, Murray, O'Brien, Cook, Brandow, Brice, Russell, Fitzgerald, Joyce—[illegible]

By Councilman Roper—

Resolved, That crosswalks be laid in Second-avenue, from Forty-second to Seventy-sixth-street, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to Committee on Streets.

By Councilman Webster—

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to advertise for proposals for the construction of a house in Sixty-sixth to Seventy-sixth-street, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was adopted.

By Councilman Houghtaling—

Resolved, That Fifty-second-street, from Second to Fifth-avenue, be numbered, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was adopted.

By Councilman Russell—

Resolved, That curb and gutter stones be set in Sixty-[illegible], and the sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide, where not already done, from Lexington to Fourth-avenue, the work to be done under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to Committee on Roads.

By Councilman Russell—

Resolved, That curb and gutter stones be set in Fifty-second-street, and the sidewalks flagged a space four feet wide, where not already flagged, from Third to Fifth-avenue, the work to be done under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to Committee on Roads.

By Councilman Murray—

Resolved, That the Comptroller of the City of New-York is hereby authorized and directed to issue, from time to time, as may be requested by the Board of Commissioners of the Central Park, in and pursuant with the provisions of the act entitled, "An Act for the Construction, Government and Embellishment of a Public Park in the Central Park in the City of New-York, and to Provide Additional means therefor," passed March nineteenth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty, the number of the stock of the Central Park Improvement Fund, created by the ordinance of the Board of Council of the City of New-York, approved by the Mayor, on the twenty-sixth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty, authorized by said act and remaining unissued.

Which was referred to Committee on Finance.

By Councilman Joyce—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of Nathaniel Lockwood, for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, being in full for all extra work done and material furnished in the erection of Engine House number Forty-one.

Which was referred to Committee on Repairs and Supplies.

By Councilman Cook—

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby directed to fit the office of the Assistant Treasurer of the Fund for the Relief of Soldiers' Families in the Seventh Senatorial District, at an expense not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars.

By Councilman Brandow—

Resolved, That the City Inspector be and he is hereby directed to inform this Board on the first day of each month the number of transfers and stands in each market, the number of vacant stands, the number of the transfers, and the number of new stands each, and the name of the person occupying said new stands.

Which was adopted.

By Councilman Cook—

Resolved, That curb and gutter stones be set in Fifty-second-street, from Second to Third-avenue, be paved with Belgian pavement, one-half thereof to be borne by the property owners, and the other half by the City.

Which was referred to Committee on Belgian Pavements.

By Councilman Fitzgerald—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Thomas Foley to regulate and grade in front of his premises, lots three, four and five, Twenty-second-street, between Third and Fourth-avenues, the same to be done under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Councilman Hayes moved to amend the same by adding thereto "provided the same to cost nothing to the City."

Which was carried.

And the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

PETITIONS.

By Councilman—

Petition of Mr. Cunningham, relative to equipping steam fire-engine.

Which was referred to Committee on Fire Department.

By Councilman Dugan—

Petition of property owners on Eighth-avenue, between Fifty-first and Fifty-second streets, to be relieved of assessment.

Which was referred to Committee on Assessments.

By Councilman Hayes—

Petition of Isaac T. Hecker, touching the claims of the Paul the Apostle fund, to be remunerated for the use of the Fifty-ninth-street, from Eighth-avenue to Hudson River.

Which was referred to Committee on Roads.

By Councilman Joyce—

Petition of property-owners for the opening of Forty-ninth-street, from Third to Fifth-avenue.

Which was referred to the Committee on Belgian Pavements.

REPORTS.

Report of Committee on Croton Aqueduct, in favor of concurring with Board of Aldermen, in granting the sidewalks and flagging on the South Bush branch, corner of Twenty-eighth-street and Fifth-avenue, the tile of the Croton Aqueduct, and of refusing the bulkhead of the Church.

Which was adopted.

Report of Committee on Lands and Places, in favor of authorizing the Comptroller to draw warrant in favor of Samuel Junius and Jessie Jones, for the sum of [illegible] for keeper of Stuyvesant Park on Sundays.

Which was adopted.

Report of Committee on Roads, concurring to lay crosswalks on Fifty-second-street, between Eighth-avenue and Broadway.

Which was laid over.

Report of Committee on Roads, concurring to lay crosswalks on Forty-sixth-street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues.

Which was laid over.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Inspector of Buildings relative to cave-walls and sidewalks, on the line of the Harlem Road.

Which was received and ordered to be printed in the minutes, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A communication was received from the Comptroller, in relation to property vested in or vested in the Corporation.

Which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Property and Supplies.

A communication was received from the Comptroller, transmitting statement of the amount of the City expenditures to January thirty-one, eighteen hundred and sixty-three.

Which was received and ordered on file.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Bill of John Van Horn for filling up pell of Fourth Election District, Seventeenth Ward, for December term.

(By Board of Aldermen referred to Committee with power.)

Which was concurred in.

Resolution that permission to give to Lawrence Fitzsimmons, be and the same is hereby granted, on the Eighth-street side.

Which was referred to Committee on Markets.

Subsequently, Councilman Healy moved to reconsider the vote.

Which was carried.

And the resolution was concurred in.

Resolution that permission be given to John Quinnell and Jacob Berman to build a stable from number [illegible] and twenty-two Spring and Elizabeth streets, and twenty-three Allen-street, to connect with sewers in Delancey-street, the same to be done under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Board and at the own expense.

Which was referred to Committee on Sewers.

Subsequently Councilman Green moved that such be the resolution.

Which was carried.

And the resolution was concurred in.

Resolution that Henry Bayley be appointed a Commissioner of Deeds.

Which was concurred in.

Resolution, That the sunken lots between Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth streets, and Third and Lexington avenues, be fenced in, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted, the work to be done under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Health.

Report of Committee on Ordinances, in favor of Board of Aldermen, with ordinance creating a Deputy Collector of City Revenue, at a compensation of one hundred dollars per annum.

(By Board of Aldermen, February ninth, an amendment substituting for the ordinance the Board of Councilmen, providing for a Deputy Collector of City Revenue, at a salary of three thousand dollars, and Messenger for the Collector of City Revenue, with salaries: For the Deputy Collector, at a salary of three thousand dollars, and Messenger, at a salary of one thousand dollars.)

Which was concurred in by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Hall, Reed, Chipp, Mitchell, Kyrer, Jeremiah, Hardy, Beale, Westervelt, Forney, Long—12.

PAPERS HERETOFORE LAID OVER.

Resolution, That the sunken lots between Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth streets, and Third and Lexington avenues, be fenced in, and that the Street Commissioner be directed to advertise for proposals for the same; the work to be done under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was adopted by the following vote, viz.:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Henry, Hall, Reed, Chipp, Kyrer, Jeremiah, Hardy, Beale, Mastersons, Forney, Long, Westervelt, Mastersons, Ottiwell.

Resolution, That the Board of Councilmen, that the Board of the Common Council be directed to provide for the [illegible] of the Common Council, in the City of New-York, in the month of January, in each year, [illegible] the Ward Committee, and that the Ward Committee shall be authorized to appoint [illegible] in which the Ward Committee shall consist, the number to be [illegible] by the number of applications in any ward, if he shall deem it necessary, subject to Assistant [illegible] and the position of assistant [illegible] Ward Committee, and that the [illegible] may be paid by the Ward Committee, and that the [illegible] on the days designated, by the payment of persons from the Ward Committee, [illegible] of the Ward Committee may expend not more than [illegible] dollars per day, and [illegible] dollars per month during the months of January and February, and [illegible] dollars per month, which the Comptroller is authorized to pay out of the fund thereby created and appropriated, on bills certified to be correct by a majority of the Committee.

Sec. 2. Each Assistant Treasurer shall, at the expiration of the term of his appointment, deliver to the Comptroller a statement of his disbursements during the preceding fortnight, and the Comptroller shall thereupon [illegible] a summary of such statements to the Common Council, together with an account showing the condition of the Fund.

Sec. 3. In case an Assistant Treasurer shall discover that the party to whom any warrant or order for relief has been given, is not entitled by the ordinance to the assistance asked, therein he shall withhold such payment, and immediately notify the Ward Committee by which it was issued of the fact and the reasons therefor; and no payment shall be made by the Assistant Treasurer, or any other officer, to the Committee.

Every person who shall willfully make, or cause to be made, any false statements or representations, for the purpose of obtaining a larger sum than that to which they are entitled, or under false pretenses, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding [illegible] dollars, or imprisonment in the penitentiary, or in the City Prison, not exceeding [illegible] months, or both, at the discretion of the Court.

Sec. 4. No order for relief shall be given to any person who shall be found in the receipt of any other relief from any of the City Aid Societies, or any other charitable institution, or who shall refuse to accept the relief offered by the Committee, or who shall be able to work, or who shall be found in the receipt of any other relief, or who shall be able to work, or who shall be found in the receipt of any other relief, or who shall be able to work, or who shall be found in the receipt of any other relief

Resolution from Board of Aldermen, first—that the Comptroller be authorized to cause to be furnished to the members of the Common Council, the heads of Departments and the Judges of Courts; second—that a sufficient number be placed on sale to supply the public demand at the rate of six dollars per copy, the proceeds to go into the City Treasury.

Which was concurred in by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Brice, Russell—4.

Resolution of Board of Aldermen that forty dollars be granted of the $ to Surveyor, be stricken; is one hundred dollars hereafter appropriated, the original resolution contemplating the expenditure of only five dollars, while seven have been ordered by the Common Council.

Which was concurred in by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Hayes, Healy, Keenan, Riley, Sandford, The President, Webster, Meyer, Gross, Brady, McConnell, Repper, Houghtaling, Haviland, Gaw, McGrath, Murray, O'Brien, Cook, Brandon, Brice, Russell, Fitzgerald, Jones—23.

Negative—Councilmen Houghtaling—1.

Resolution of Board of Aldermen that the resolution passed by the late Board of Aldermen, complimentary to Isaac Bronsom, be suspended and rescinded, as an expense not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars, which seems to be improper.

Which was concurred in by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Hayes, Healy, Keenan, Riley, Sandford, The President, Webster, Meyer, Gross, Brady, McConnell, Repper, Houghtaling, Haviland, Gaw, McGrath, Murray, O'Brien, Cook, Brandon, Brice, Russell, Fitzgerald, Jones—23.

Negative—Councilmen Haviland—1.

Resolution of Board of Aldermen that the Clerk of the Common Council furnish to members of the Common Council with the usual books, maps and stationery, including badges of office.

Which was concurred in by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Hayes, Healy, Riley, Sandford, Webster, Meyer, Brady, Houghtaling, Haviland, Gaw, McGrath, Murray, O'Brien, Brandon, Brice, Russell, Fitzgerald, Jones—19.

Negative—Councilmen Keenan, The President, Gross, McConnell, Repper, Cook—6.

Resolved, That Brevet Major-General John Porter, with leave, shall be released from the duties of his office as one of the members of the Court Martial; second—Signifying the action of the Common Council as a protestation, third—Expressive of sympathy with and confidence in General Porter; fourth—Declaring the Court Martial to be the benefactors of the City; and, fifth—Directing that the preamble and resolutions be transmitted to General Porter.

Councilman Webster was here called to the Chair.

Pending the question on the paper be laid over and make the subject of order for Monday evening next.

Which was carried.

Petition from Board of Aldermen of the First Baptist Church, in Broome-street, near the Bowery, to have two lamps placed in front of said church, with resolution that the Street Commissioner cause two gas lamps to be placed in front of the Church in accordance with the Elizabeth-street, without delay.

Which was concurred in.

Report of Committee on Finance of Board of Aldermen, in favor of the Board of Aldermen of the Gold Sheriff, in Fifty-fourth street, seven hundred and ninety dollars, to enable them to pay an assessment.

Which was concurred in by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Hayes, Healy, Keenan, Riley, Sandford, The President, Webster, Meyer, Gross, Brady, McConnell, Repper, Houghtaling, Haviland, Gaw, McGrath, Murray, O'Brien, Cook, Brandon, Brice, Russell, Fitzgerald, Jones—23.

Negative—Councilmen Houghtaling—1.

Resolution, that Forty-eighth street, from Second to Third avenues, be paved with Belgian pavement under the direction of the Street Commissioner, and that the accompanying ordinance be adopted.

Which was referred to Committee on Belgian Pavements.

Report of Special Committee of Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred a communication from the Comptroller, relative to lands in the city of New-York claimed by the State, and also to the claim of the Corporation of the City, memorialize the Legislature, for the cession of Governor's Island to the City, all land on the North or East Rivers reclaimed from the water.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law Department.

Petition from Board of Aldermen of Charles Whitehead, to be paid filling up Second Regiment, New-York National Guard armory, with resolution that the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of Charles Whitehead for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, in full for the service delivered and fully expended for filling up the armory, and charge the same to the appropriation for the Second Regiment, New-York National Guard.

Affirmative—Councilmen Hayes, Healy, Keenan, Riley, Sandford, The President, Webster, Meyer, Gross, Brady, McConnell, Repper, Houghtaling, Haviland, Gaw, McGrath, Murray, O'Brien, Brandon, Brice, Russell, Fitzgerald, Jones—23.

Negative—Councilmen Haviland—1.

Resolution of Board of Aldermen that the Clerk of the Common Council furnish to members of the Common Council with the usual books, maps and stationery, including badges of office.

Which was concurred in by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Hayes, Healy, Riley, Sandford, Webster, Meyer, Brady, Houghtaling, Haviland, Gaw, McGrath, Murray, O'Brien, Brandon, Brice, Russell, Fitzgerald, Jones—23.

Negative—Councilmen Keenan, The President, Gross, McConnell, Repper, Cook—6.

Resolution, that Major-General John Porter, relieve from the duties of his office as one of the proceedings

The New-York Times.

NEW-YORK, TUESDAY, FEB. 10, 1863.

Amusements this Evening.

WINTER GARDEN—Otello.

LAURA KEENE'S THEATER—Our Fair Cousin—Seven Loves.

WALLACK'S—Hamlet.

THEATRE FRANCAIS—La Perle de la Reine Tamp.

BUTON'S GARDEN—Lear, the Parricide.

BARNUM'S MUSEUM—The Prairie—Young America—Afternoon and Evening.

NEW HALL OF ART, No. 626 Broadway—Bartlett's Panorama of the Mississippi and the War.

BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC—(German Opera)—The Magic Flute—Die Zauberflöte.

DODWORTH'S HALL, No. 806 Broadway—Soirées of Classical Music.

IRVING HALL—Concert.

FREE CHURCH OF THE REDEMPTION—(11th-st.)—Amateur Concert.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

We publish this morning the official reports of the recent visit of Captain, from Key West, to the Havana, Capt. Semmes, commander of the *Mercedita*, and Lieutenant Commander Lamore, Executive Officer of that vessel, who visited the rebel ram *Palmetto State*, and held communication with her commander. The main facts, as stated in these official reports, have already been given. It appears, however, that the entire officers and crew of the *Mercedita* surrendered to and were paroled by the rebels, under circumstances where such a course could not be avoided. We also have details of the affair given by our special correspondent, including a list of casualties on board the two disabled steamers.

We also have this morning the details, both official and from our special correspondent, of the affair in Stono River, resulting in the capture of the gunboat *Isaac Smith*. It appears that she was engaged in reconnoitering the river, and was several miles from its mouth, when she found herself attacked from both shores by rebel batteries, which had been effectually masked. Another gunboat, further down, was unable to render any assistance before the *Isaac Smith* had surrendered, having apparently been rendered unmanageable by the enemy's shot. The casualties on board are as yet unknown.

We receive from our correspondent at Port Royal an account of the second engagement of the Ericsson Monitor *Montauk* with the rebel batteries at the mouth of the Ogeechee River. She fired in the aggregate about 80 rounds, but was unable to breach the work in consequence of the thickness of the embankment. She was struck forty-six times, but received no other damage than the starting of a few bolts in her pilot-house by a ricochet shot, and the shattering of her smoke-stack. It is considered probable that no further attempt will be made on Fort McAllister until other important work is done by the *Montauk*.

We have an interesting report of the operations of the First South Carolina Volunteers, (colored,) recently in Georgia and Florida. At St. Simon and Jekyll Islands they captured a quantity of railroad iron, valued at $5,000, besides live stock and farming utensils. They then proceeded up the St. Mary's River, where several encounters with the rebels took place, in every one of which the colored troops were successful.

We have accounts this morning of the sailing of Gen. Foster's Expedition from Beaufort, N. C., and its safe arrival at Port Royal, S. C. The first vessels of the fleet reached the latter place on the morning of the 31st ult., and the rest of the steamers followed in the course of the day. The sailing vessels had also mostly arrived at the date of our latest advices—the 3d inst. Gen. Foster was in conference with Gen. Hunter, and measures were being *rapidly perfected to carry out the object* of the expedition—which everybody now knows is the capture of Charleston.

We have advices from New-Orleans to the 2d ult., by the arrival at this port of the steamship *Marion*. Nothing of special importance had taken place since the date of previous advices. Preparations for the attack upon Port Hudson were steadily progressing, and our correspondent intimates that the demonstration is soon to be made, probably in a manner somewhat unexpected by the rebels. There is mysterious talk of a "strategic" movement. From the Lafourche District we learn that since Gen. Weitzel's return to Thibodeauxville, the rebels have taken possession of the Bayou Teche and are engaged in constructing rifle-pits on its shores, at a point lower down than the scene of the capture and destruction of the steamer *Cotton*. Measures will most likely be taken to clean them out effectually. No news had been received from Galveston at the time the *Marion* sailed. Our correspondent mentions some trouble among the soldiers on Ship Island, on account of the arrival there of some negro soldiers.

A telegram from the Army of the Potomac informs us that a successful reconnoissance has been made on the right wing. Its purpose is not disclosed. Late Richmond papers, received at headquarters announce three military executions to take place there.

An order was issued on the 7th inst. consolidating the Army of the Potomac under one command. To the first corps is assigned Major-Gen. J. F. Reynolds; to the second, Major-Gen. D. N. Couch; the third has for its commander Brig.-Gen. D. E. Sickles, (temporarily;) the fifth, Major-Gen. George G. Meade; sixth, Major-Gen. John Sedgwick; eleventh, Major-Gen. Franz Sigel; twelfth, Major-Gen. H. W. Slocum. The artillery corps is also ordered to consider itself a unit under the sole direction of the Chief of Artillery, and notice is given that no transfers of batteries will be made from one corps or division to others, except for purposes of equalization.

Our troops are digging a canal, at Yazoo Pass, which will enable our gunboats to pass the rebel fortifications there when the time shall come for them to do so.

A dispatch dated St. Louis, Feb. 6, states that a movement of the Army of the Frontier was ordered several days ago, which was supposed to be directed toward Little Rock, but when the troops were all ready to start, the order was countermanded. Gen. Blunt's division is now at Cross Creek, Totten's is at Flat Creek, and Herron's is at Forsyth, all within forty-five miles of Springfield. Bloomfield, which was taken by the enrolled militia week before last, and evacuated next day, has been reoccupied by rebel guerrillas, who are strutting Union men as hostages for guerrillas taken prisoners at Bloomfield. When last held by the Union troops, a detachment of the Twelfth Missouri cavalry had been ordered to release the Union men.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, the resolutions of the New-York Assembly in favor of a reduction of the duty on printing paper, were presented. A memorial from merchants and manufacturers of New-York City, asking that the Government be received for Government house rent. A bill to organize a Signal Corps among the rebellion was reported from the Military Committee. A bill for enrolling and calling out the National forces was taken from the Judiciary Committee. The Secretary of the Treasury was requested to communicate to the Senate the amount of Government cotton sold in New-York since the establishment of the blockade, &c. A bill to raise additional soldiers for the service of the United States was introduced by Mr. Sumner, of Massachusetts. A resolution was adopted calling upon the President for information regarding the mission of M. Mercier, the French Minister to Richmond. The bills relating to the District of Columbia were passed. The Currency bill was taken up and read as the special order. An amendment was adopted increasing the amount of circulating currency from $200,000,000 to $300,000,000. The Senate held an Executive Session and then adjourned.

In the House, the Indian and Civil Appropriation bills were reported from the Committee on Ways and Means. The Committee on Elections made reports against the credentials of John B. Robinson, claiming a seat from Tennessee, and Lewis McKenzie, from the Seventh District of Virginia. Consideration of the Ship Canal bill was then resumed, and it was finally rejected—71 to 68. A motion to reconsider the vote was tabled—so the bill may be considered as dead for this session. The report of the Committee on Elections on the New-Orleans case was then considered until the adjournment.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate last evening, the General Volunteer Bounty bill was referred to the first Committee of the Whole and made the special order at 12 o'clock to-day. A resolution referring the several portions of the Governor's Message to the appropriate Committees was laid on the table.

In the Assembly, a great number of bills were noticed, principally of a local interest. A preamble and resolutions were introduced inviting Gen. McClellan to the State Capitol as a guest. They were laid over.

FROM EUROPE.

By the arrival at Halifax of the steamship *Europa*, we have advices from Europe three days later than were received by the *Hansa*. We learn by this arrival further important rumors regarding the intentions of the French Emperor touching the American question. The Paris correspondent of the London *Times* states that official instructions have been sent to the French Minister at Washington, suggesting that Commissioners be delegated by the North and the South, to meet on neutral ground, and to confer without hostilities being suspended. The Paris *Pays* publishes a somewhat similar report; also *La Nord*. The London correspondent of the Manchester *Guardian* gives currency to a statement that the rebel Government has been doing a considerable business in England through the medium of cotton warrants—these warrants being undertakings to deliver so much cotton at a fixed price, so many days after sight, at any Confederate port, after the recognition of the Confederacy. It is said also that the rebels have even addressed proposals to the British Government for some such provisionary transactions. From France, we learn that it has been found necessary to order 6,000 additional reinforcements to Mexico. It is announced that the Duke of Coburg has accepted the Throne of Greece on condition that the Houses of Bavaria renounce its rights. Other Continental news is not important. There had been a decline in the Liverpool Cotton Market. Breadstuffs were tending downward, and Provisions strong. Consols were quoted at 92½ for money.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Board of Aldermen met at 1 o'clock P. M. yesterday. Resolutions were adopted inquiring of the Street Commissioner by what authority *earth is removed from Hamilton-square*; directing the Special Committee on City Property to ascertain whether the title to certain specified plots of ground (heretofore known as lanes and roads) in Yorkville and Harlem is yet vested in the City; inquiring of the Comptroller the particulars concerning George Law's illegal use of a wharf at the Battery for his north shore States Island Ferry, and directing the Committee on Wharves and Piers to inquire into and report as to the expediency of constructing stone piers. A resolution directing the Comptroller to stop the unauthorized ferry to Guttenberg from the foot of Spring-street, and to advertise to sell a ferry franchise from that point or its vicinity to the New-Jersey shore, upon the usual conditions, was laid over. A new ordinance to reimburse the relief fund, which will soon be exhausted, was presented by Mr. Farley, and laid over under the rule. It provides for an appropriation of $500,000. The Comptroller's weekly financial statement showed the balance to the City Treasury on last Saturday to have been $1,080,397 40. The Comptroller also reported that, for the fortnight ending Jan. 24, $65,532 50 was disbursed from the Relief Fund to 15,916 families, comprising 16,618 adults and 21,420 children. The Board adjourned till 1 o'clock P. M. Thursday.

The Board of Councilmen met at 5 o'clock, P. M., yesterday. A resolution to appoint a joint committee to make suitable arrangements for the celebration of Washington's birthday was adopted. A communication was received from the Comptroller, which was referred, stating that the lease for a number of public offices and engine-houses will expire on May 1, and asking instructions as to what course to pursue in regard to continuing the accommodations. It appears that such leases have generally been made by the Comptroller, without the authority of the Common Council, since the destruction of the "New City Hall" in 1854, but Mr. Brennan does not wish to exercise any powers not expressly conferred upon him by law or ordinance. The Fitz John Porter resolutions were briefly debated. Mr. Gross favored them and cited the case of the restoration to office of Col. Fosse, of Harper's Ferry notoriety, after being cashiered, and the subsequent acceptance of his resignation as an evidence of partiality by the Administration and its opposition to the "conservative element of the country." Mr. Brennan thought the statement of Col. Ford's case was a reason for delay, because mercy to Gen. Porter might yet be extended to him by the Government. Messrs. Jones and Hayes wished to consider the subject further before voting. It was laid over and made the special order for the next meeting. Adjourned till Monday next at 5 o'clock, P. M.

Major Cornbarer, Acting Provost-Marshal of the Eighth Army Corps, Middle Department, in company with a person named Brandt, has been recently detected in extorting $3,000 from a man named Newbrik, who was temporarily confined in a Baltimore jail. The facts becoming known to Gen. Dix, of this City, he dispatched his Deputy, Samuel J. Glassby, to Baltimore and Washington, and caused the arrest of Major Cornbarer. Brandt has not yet been found.

The Monitor *Segamond*, which was built at Chester, Penn., was expected to leave Philadelphia yesterday for Fortress Monroe. Her commander is Capt. John Guest.

The trial of Dennis P. Sullivan, for the murder of Thomas Byrne, late Superintendent of Lands and Places, on the morning of the 29th of November last, was commenced in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, before Judge Leonard, yesterday. A jury was impanelled, and two or three witnesses were examined, when the trial was adjourned till 10 o'clock this morning.

The price of Gold Coin fell off 1@1½ ₩ cent yesterday, and Exchange on London was weaker to correspond. There was a decided improvement in the demand for Government Stocks and Treasury paper. The Railways irregular but generally lower than on Saturday. Gold 154½ ₩ cent; Erie, 74½.

Breadstuffs every in Rushed demand yesterday: Flour declined 10c. ₩ Bbl.; Wheat, 1c. @2c. ₩ bushel, and Corn closed heavily. Provisions were less sought after, at generally unchanged figures. Cotton was actively inquired for, at advancing quotations. Whisky was in good request, and somewhat firmer. Groceries were moderately sought for; an arrival of a cargo of Japan tea was reported—the first importation of the kind at this port. Hay, Hops, Wool, Tallow, Tobacco and Calcutta Linseed, were salable and buoyant. A moderate business was transacted in the freight line, at about previous rates. There were no important changes in other branches of trade.

There is a large supply of cattle on sale this week, and prices rule near for lower though they commenced five Monday morning. A majority of the stock consists of coarse oxen and poor, thin stock, which will sell, from appearances, at a further decline before the close of the market. About 4,400 head were received at Forty-fourth-street up to Monday night, and some three hundred more are anticipated for to-day. Besides these, near 500 came in after the close of last market, and were sold Wednesday and Thursday. The good cattle readily commanded 9½c. @ lb., and were all taken. Other grades are sufficiently plenty, at least.

What does the Tribune Want?

The *Tribune* makes another attempt to enlighten us as to the meaning and drift of its recent support of Foreign Mediation, and of peace at the end of this campaign. We are sorry to be troublesome, but the subject is one of such importance and the influence of the *Tribune* is so great, that we hope we shall be excused for what may seem to be unreasonable pertinacity in trying to make its position clear. We assure our neighbor that we can be "induced to meet the issue as he presents it"—if he will only present it in such a shape that it can be met at all. We assume that he does not mean to shift it from day to day. Let us then go back a little and see if we can fix it with any degree of precision.

Some ten weeks since the *Tribune* astonished the country by advocating the acceptance of Foreign Mediation as a means of ending the war, and settling the difficulties between the North and South. Very soon after, it took the ground that unless we should conquer the rebels in the campaign now opening, we could not do it at all;—and it urged that we should enter upon this campaign with the distinct understanding, that if we were not successful in it, we should frankly accept the "best *attainable* peace." It urged that we should raise money enough to carry on the war for three months longer, with the distinct engagement that when that was expended the war should end. It continues to insist that we shall proceed in its prosecution upon this basis. And Mr. Greeley has entered into personal correspondence with Mr. Vallamigham, of Ohio, and with M. Mercier, the French Minister, upon this subject, with the acknowledged purpose of paving the way for such Foreign Mediation as shall end the war within the time and in the manner advocated by him in the columns of the *Tribune*.

We need not stop to say that this was a most extraordinary change of front on the part of the *Tribune* and of Mr. Greeley. At the outset of our troubles, it is true, he had been in favor of Disunion. He had vindicated the right of the Southern States to secede, and had urged the policy of permitting them to do so. But after the Government had resolved to maintain its authority and its territorial integrity, the *Tribune* was among the most decided advocates of a vigorous, uncompromising war policy. It was the special champion of the strongest measures, the most energetic movements and the most unrelenting prosecution of the war against the rebellion until it should be utterly crushed, and the authority of the Constitution fully restored. Now it recommends an opposite policy. It wants the war ended. It hopes for a restoration of the Union by Spring, but it wants the war stopped *then*, whether the Union is restored or not. And it looks to Foreign Mediation as a method of paving the way for such a consummation.

Now, what does all this mean? Has the *Tribune* gone back to its original support of secession? Is it again making itself the champion of the *right* of the South to secede? Or is it simply yielding to discouragement,—breaking down under the weight of burdens and responsibilities too great for the country to bear? Is it disloyal,—or only faint-hearted? The result in either case is just the same.

The *Tribune* tries to explain its course by urging the hostility of the Democrats to the war. Not only the leaders, but the party which backs them is "in practical alliance with the slaveholders' rebellion," and it proposes to say to them:

"If you keep on in the course you have for months pursued—if you have lag lazily wards for the Federal Administration to one for the chiefs of the rebellion—if your journals persist in discouraging enlistments, fomenting disaffection in the army, dispiriting every enlistment of our arms, exaggerating those of the rebels, depressing the National credit, and paralyzing in every possible way the National energies, the war will break down, the Union will be lost, and you will be among the chief architects of its ruin."

This is all well enough. Such rebukes are perfectly just, and the parties concerned deserve them richly. The war may break down, the Union *may* be lost, in consequence of these attempts of disloyal men to bring about these results. *But why should the Tribune help them?* Why should Mr. Greeley play into their hands, and propose to do the very things which he charges as crimes upon them? Why does he seek to end the war, while he reproaches them with letting it "break down." Why is *he* ready to accept disunion as the "best attainable peace," while reproaching them for allowing the Union to be lost? If it is *their* duty to fight to the end, it is his also. He cannot shirk his duty and responsibility, by charging them with shirking theirs.

We have urged that it is the duty of the Administration so to conduct this war as to secure the favor and support of the great body of the people without distinction of party. No great war can be carried on upon any other basis. Any attempt to make it a party war, to prosecute it upon party principles, by party agencies, for the benefit of party leaders or the gratification of party views and feelings, will meet with disastrous and disgraceful failure. Wendell Phillips avows openly his wish to see the War conducted with special and exclusive reference to the principles and interests of his party. For the Union, he "cares nothing. He seeks Emancipation first and foremost. With that he will take Disunion; without it he will not accept the Union. If we can unite the great mass of the people upon this platform, then it is broad enough to carry on the War. If not, the platform must be abandoned or the War must end. Which of the two would Mr. Greeley favor? The question is needless, for he leaves little room for doubt upon the subject. "We do," he says, "greatly desire that the Democrats shall be won to a hearty support of the war; but not *at the expense of rendering said war a manifest and inevitable abortion.*" Would he consider it an "abortion" if it should restore the Union and reinstate the Constitution without abolishing Slavery? Evidently he would, for he advocates ending the war, if we fail to conquer in the present campaign;—and the present campaign most certainly will not be long enough to accomplish the total and permanent abolition of Slavery.

We would not willingly do Mr. Greeley an injustice in this matter. But we cannot help believing that he has become discouraged about carrying on the war upon a purely abolition basis, and that he has, therefore, fallen back upon his original preference for Separation.

Another Napoleonic Idea.

We have news from Europe this morning, derived both from French and English sources, that the persevering and suggestive mind of the Emperor has conjured up another expedient for bringing the American difficulty to a solution. It is a better, more practicable and more just device than his last. It is simply, as stated by one correspondent, "that Commissioners be delegated by the Federal Government and by the Southern States to meet on neutral ground and confer together, without hostilities being suspended, so that they may advise mutual concessions, and effect a reconciliation so desirable for the interests of the world." There are many difficulties about this plan, and particularly in a democratic form of government, such as both North and South possess; but the difficulties are fewer than appertain to any other plan that has yet been suggested, either here or abroad.

We believe that our troubles will be solved in the field, and we believe that operations are now planned or in progress, in Virginia, in Tennessee, on the Mississippi, and on the Southern seaboard, that will go far to solve them without any further debate. But as military operations are not to cease pending the proposed Convention, we can see no harm in Commissioners from North and South meeting in Montreal or Mexico, and discussing the whole subject in the light of the existing situation.

Our Work at Charleston.

What is probably the real strength of the military and naval forces which the rebels have at Charleston to resist the attack of our army and navy, which is believed to be imminent? We have had statements of all sorts, both from "intelligent negroes" and white blockheads, which make the military forces there anywhere from five to fifty thousand, and the naval force anywhere from one old scow to a whole squadron of ironclads. The truth, doubtless, lies somewhere betwixt these extremes; but exactly where, we shall probably not know until the day of actual conflict.

We believe, however, that the rebels have not known whether the expedition that was fitting out at Beaufort, (N. C.,) was to attack Wilmington, Charleston or Savannah, or whether an expedition from New-Orleans might not suddenly appear before Mobile; and to provide against either emergency, they have had pretty large forces stationed at each of the points named—their design being to have each force so placed, and the rolling stock on the various connecting railroads in such a condition, that they could concentrate the different forces at whichever one of the places should be first attacked. In Charleston itself, we believe from good authority, there have been about 15,000 troops, of one kind or another, for some time past; around Savannah, 10,000 more; at Wilmington, about 5,000, which force has been lately largely increased; in lower Alabama, for the defence of Mobile, nearly 15,000. The total military force at Charleston, Savannah and Mobile, all under Beauregard, would thus amount to about 40,000, while the present force at Wilmington, which the rebels doubtless expect to fetch up in case Charleston is attacked, will raise the coöperating columns on this line to not less than 50,000 men. It is doubtless the intention of Gens. Hunter and Foster to prevent the rebels concentrating at the place to be attacked, their forces from any two or more of the points named. And, if successful in this attempt, the job of reducing Charleston will be comparatively simple.

The naval force of the rebels at Charleston, we have already had some experience of, and it is probable that in the last raid we felt nearly its full strength. Beside the iron-clad *Palmetto State*, (formerly known as the "Ladies' Gunboat,") and the *Chicora*, they have several pretty strong wooden gunboats, and also a formidable iron-clad battery lying in the harbor; and there are several boats being plated, which were lately reported as "nearly ready." These latter and the wooden gunboats will be crushed like eggshells by our Monitors and Ironsides.

The fortifications in Charleston harbor are of course as strong as art, negro labor and the skill of Beauregard can make them. We have from time to time published such descriptions of them as we derived from various sources, and we think likely that the largest stories that have reached us are not far from the truth. Beauregard has had charge of Charleston from the beginning, and with the abundance of labor and years of time at his command, he has doubtless done his best to render it impregnable. The Richmond Ordnance Bureau has also lately sent some pieces of monster artillery, one of which is in position in Charleston harbor. One man from Charleston says that there have been experiments with artillery and iron-plated targets in the harbor, and the results report that their big guns have quite smashed the plates.

From these statements, gathered from various sources, it will be seen that in point its naval force, its fortifications and its artillery, Charleston is defended in the most extraordinary manner—stronger, by far than any city on this continent except Richmond, and perhaps Vicksburgh. To take it, will be no child's play; but we are glad to learn from Washington that both the War and Navy Departments are *perfectly confident* that the naval and military force now on the South Carolina coast is sufficiently strong to overcome every obstacle, and raise the Stars and Stripes over Charleston and Fort Sumter, or their ruins. We hope that this confidence has solid foundations to rest upon.

The Journal of Commerce Repudiating Allegiance.

The "Peace Democrats" are rapidly taking position. The *Journal of Commerce*, in the leading article of its Saturday's issue, came squarely up to the no-allegiance doctrine, so boldly set forth by Mason, of Virginia, during his best days in the Senate. Said Mason, "I owe no allegiance to this Government—none whatever; although Virginia is a constituent of this Government, and I am one of her representatives. *I owe allegiance to Virginia, and to no one else.*" The old feudal idea of allegiance was the relation between the subject and sovereign—between vassal and lord. I know of no sovereign except the State. I take it for granted that Connecticut is the Senator's sovereign, and that if he yields allegiance to this Government he is faithless." The *Journal* now takes exactly the same ground—the occasion being a staunch, high-toned, thoroughly patriotic article in the last Princeton *Review*, on "The War," which was well calculated to disturb the nerves of the Peace Reactionists. We quote from our cotemporary:

"The untrustworthy character of the article may be illustrated by a single extract: 'It is,' says the reviewer, 'and must be further admitted that the Government to which our allegiance is due is the National Government at Washington, of which Abraham Lincoln is the constitutional head;' and upon this statement he proceeds to argue on what is loyalty and what disloyalty. It is true that in our common writings and public talk we speak of allegiance as due to the United States; but this is *wholly incorrect in strict language, and wholly improper* in an elaborate review article. If 'allegiance' is due to the Government of the United States, it is not correct to speak of it as due to that Government 'at Washington,' but to the Constitution, whose supremacy and power is present in every corner of the land, from the remotest forests of Maine to the shores of the Pacific. The style of expression used by the reviewer is therefore careless and objectionable. But he wholly misunderstands the word 'allegiance' and its true *signification*. Perhaps we cannot give him a better proof of his great error than by copying from the roll of attorneys in the Supreme Court of the State of New-York the official oath which they took and subscribed, and which abundantly shows where our law holds "allegiance" to be due. * * *

There is no question whatever in the mind of any properly informed student of our system, that while 'support and defence' are due to the Constitution, as also to all treaties and laws made under it, '*allegiance' is due to the Sovereignty of the State* in which *the citizen resides*. This simple exposure of a gross error is certainly enough reason for rejecting the political instructions of the Princeton reviewer."

Undoubtedly it is in perfect keeping that a doctrine which was sounded as the prelude to the original secession movement, should now herald in the peace movement, by which, it is hoped, the secession will be ratified and consummated. The assumption that there is no *allegiance* due to the General Government, necessarily carries with it the corollary that the General Government has no right to compel *submission*—in other words, that it is no Government at all, but a mere league, or partnership. It is a complete adoption of the right-of-secession principle, and, if true, this war against secession has been an error—was usurpation and crime from the beginning.

It is idle, at this late day, to argue this question. It was settled for all time in the gigantic controversy between Mr. Webster and Mr. Calhoun a generation ago. The positions which Mr. Webster then settled, were, that the Constitution of the United States is a Government proper, founded on the adoption of the people and not of the States—that this Government is a body politic, with supreme authority, and that resistance to that authority is nothing else than revolution—that there is no such thing as sovereignty in a State, and that the idea of a foremost allegiance due by a citizen to his State was the grossest and most dangerous of errors.

Allegiance means the fidelity due from a subject to his Prince, or from a citizen to his Government. That is its legal definition. There are in this Republic two kinds, or rather (two degrees, of allegiance, just as there are two kinds of citizenship—that due the National Government by every citizen of the nation, and that due the State Government by every citizen of the State. The Constitution and statutes of the National Government are "the supreme law of the land," in the words of the Constitution itself; and the allegiance due that Government is, therefore, the paramount allegiance. That to the State is secondary and subordinate.

The *Journal* quotes an oath taken by attorneys admitted to the Supreme Court of the State of New-York, wherein the lawyer is made to swear that he will "bear faithful and true *allegiance* to the State of New-York as a free and independent State." This is all superfluous. Nobody doubts that allegiance is due the State. But *that* allegiance is subordinate to a higher allegiance due the National Government. Though the State of South Carolina or Georgia may attempt to absolve their people from all obligations to the Government at Washington, it cannot make them any the less liable to the pains and penalties of treason as defined in the Constitution of the United States.

The Princeton *Review* is loyal, law-respecting and truly conservative. Its assailant is unfaithful, disorganizing and revolutionary. The *Journal's* doctrine belongs to Charleston; its policy, apparently, to Richmond.

The Traitor to Montgomery.—We copy from yesterday's *Herald* a letter from William Cornell Jewett, to Secretary Seward, concerning his recent attempts to secure foreign intervention in our affairs, and the degree of countenance and support he has received from Mr. Gassaway and other persons in this country. The letter itself is a rambling, disjointed affair, and shows clearly enough that the writer is a rattle-brained lunatic, who has not the slightest idea of what he has been doing, and whom it would probably be unfair to hold responsible for it.

But it also shows that he has secured, by some means or other, the cooperation of persons of a different stamp. He sketches his interviews with Mr. Greeley, to induce him to join him in his endeavors, and publishes a letter from that gentleman setting forth the restrictions and conditions which he ought always to keep in view while prosecuting his labors in favor of mediation. This letter certainly is a curiosity. It identifies Mr. Greeley very thoroughly, at least as an elder and adviser, with Mr. Jewett's scheme of intervention. Indeed, it was scarcely needed for this purpose, inasmuch as Mr. Greeley has advocated the same policy in the columns of the *Tribune*.

Whether these gentlemen have suspended their efforts, or are still engaged in them, we are not aware. But we trust, for his own sake and for that of the country, that Mr. Greeley will not permit his name and influence to be any longer connected with a scheme which can only aggravate the evils under which the country now suffers, and which may give a still wider field and a longer duration to the bloody war which now desolates a portion of our country.

Reorganization of the Army.—It will be seen by an order of Gen. Hooker, that the division of the Army of the Potomac into "Grand Divisions" has been discontinued, and the system of organization by Corps adopted in its stead. The Grand Division plan was the invention of Gen. Burnside, and, perhaps, in itself, was not a bad system. But it was never properly and fully perfected; and, as it was, was found to work very badly. Among the many things which contributed to our failure at Fredericksburgh, this, undoubtedly, though indirectly, was not the least.

The Corps Commanders thus far appointed by Gen. Hooker are Reynolds, Couch, Meade, Sedgwick, Sigel, Slocum and (temporarily) Sickles. They have all, except the last named, attained the rank of Major-General of Volunteers, and have all distinguished themselves in the field. As the matter of their appointment to their present positions has been entirely in the hands of Gen. Hooker, without any dictation that we know of from Washington, there is no doubt that they are all men who will heartily cooperate in all the plans, and obey to the death all the orders, of their Commanding General.

The cavalry of the army has also been consolidated into one corps, and put under command of that efficient and dashing officer, Gen. Stoneman.

The Blacks in Battle.—Col. Higginson, of the First South Carolina Volunteers, furnishes an entertaining official report of the exploits of his black regiment in Florida. He seems to think it necessary to put his case strongly, and in rather exalted language, as well as in such a way as to convince the public that negroes will fight. On the expedition, his battalion was repeatedly under fire—had rebel cavalry, infantry, and, says he, "even artillery," arranged against them; yet in every instance came off with unbroken honor and undisputed triumph. His men made the most urgent appeals to him to be allowed to press the flying enemy. They exhibited the most fiery energy, beyond anything of which Col. Higginson ever read, unless it was in the case of the French Zouaves. He even says that "it would have been madness to attempt with the bravest white troops what he successfully accomplished with black ones." No weapon of destruction was permitted, no personal outrage desired, during the expedition. The regiment, beside the victories which it achieved, and the large amount of valuable property which it secured, obtained a cannon and a flag, which the Colonel very properly asks permission for the regiment to retain. The officers and men desire to remain permanently in Florida, and obtain supplies of lumber, iron, &c., for the Government. The Colonel puts forth a very good suggestion, to the effect that "a chain of such posts would completely alter the whole aspect of the war in the seaboard Slave States, and would accomplish what no accumulation of Northern regiments can so easily effect." This is the very use for negro soldiers suggested in the Proclamation of the President. We have no doubt that the whole State of Florida might easily be held for the Government in this way, by a dozen negro regiments.

But Josh Van Buren delivers a speech in the City to-night. What will he say about it all?

Bureau of Navigation.—This Bureau, which is a reorganization of a Department of the old Bureau of Ordnance and Hydrography, (the latter meanwhile under the direction of that arch-conspirator and traitor, Maury,) has been placed under the charge of Admiral C. H. Davis, who is now taking steps to render it useful in the general navigation of the country. The Bureau has placed moorings in our Lower Bay for the purpose of testing the accuracy, and discovering the errors of compasses on board of vessels, caused by the local attraction of the iron. A plan of the work is now before us, showing the bearings of all the prominent points in the Lower Bay of New-York. The necessity and utility of this have been long evident to the British Government, and they have acted upon it.

The Consul for Hayti a short time since applied for permission to use these moorings for the purpose of correcting the compasses on board of an iron Haytian ship-of-war. This was promptly granted by the Navy Department, and the necessary bearings were sent to the Consul, here for the use of the ship. The compasses were swung, the ship has sailed to Hayti, and we acknowledge

which has been marked throughout by the courtesy of the recitations and the courtesy of the Government.

This Department has not only the ability but the will to render essential service to the country at the period, and we feel that under the very comprehensive management it will be so conducted as to add greatly to the safety and security of navigation.

IMPORTANT FROM WASHINGTON.

Defeat of the Illinois and New-York Canal Bill.

HOW IT WAS EFFECTED.

An Important Military Bill Introduced in the Senate by Mr. Wilson.

Proposed Organization of All the National Forces.

Conscripts to be Assigned to Regiments Already in Existence.

OUR SPECIAL WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Feb. 9.

DEFEAT OF THE CANAL BILL.

The Illinois and New-York Canal bill was defeated to-day in the House by a majority of ten votes, six of which were from New-York. The members casting those votes Messrs. F. A. Conkling, Odell, Kerrigan, Chamberlain, Fenton and Wheeler. The following New-York members were absent, but several were sick, and nearly if not quite all were paired: Messrs. Corning, Dugmore, McKean, Pomeroy, Sedgwick, Stevens, Thomas and Wood. Of the New-England members, all but four supported the bill. Illinois was unanimous in its favor. Three votes only from Indiana were given for it, and six against it, and it was opposed by the whole Ohio delegation, with but two exceptions. But for the single vote of Mr. WALLS, Pennsylvania would have gone solid against the bill, and her opposition was of the most bitter character. New-Jersey voted unanimously with Pennsylvania, as did Maryland, Kentucky and Virginia, with the single favorable exception of Messrs. CASEY and SHANK, who are Northern men. The debate was closed by Mr. OTIS, in a speech of great force and eloquence. All efforts, however, proved unavailing against the defection of a part of New-York, and the hostility and tactics of Pennsylvania. The disastrous change in the Ohio and Indiana votes had been skillfully effected by resolutions lately hurried through the Ohio Legislature, on the exaggerated misrepresentations of Mr. F. A. CONKLING as to the fabulous cost of the proposed work, and which Mr. OTIS on the floor of the House stigmatized as a tissue of falsehoods. The unfriendly feeling of the members representing the Ohio River Districts was stimulated by jealousies of the immense and rapidly increasing commerce which Chicago would enjoy by reason of the proposed canal through Illinois, connecting Lake Michigan with the Mississippi. This stream of trade, the life-blood of the Erie Canal revenues, may soon be exposed to serious hazard, as the Illinois Legislature, under this sectional rebuff, will, without delay, apply to Canada to construct the Ottawa Ship Canal, twelve feet in depth, leading directly from Lake Michigan to Montreal, nearly five hundred miles in distance, and wholly avoiding New-York and its canals. New-York has little reason to thank six of her representatives, on whom directly falls the responsibility of defeating this great national measure for cheaply connecting the Mississippi with the Hudson. The bill then defeated was Mr. DUNN'S substitute, which carefully limited the appropriation to seventeen million dollars, and even required New-York and Illinois to furnish that works before receiving back from the United States any portion of the cost. Apprehensions are felt that serious political consequences may result from the rejection of the bill.

THE ILLINOIS AND MICHIGAN CANAL.

Mr. ARNOLD has obtained leave from the Committee on Roads and Canals to report a bill for the Illinois and Michigan Canal, disconnected from the enlargement of the locks of the Erie Canal. He will embrace the earliest opportunity to bring it before the House.

AN IMPORTANT MILITARY MEASURE.

The important bill introduced to-day by Senator WILSON, from the Military Committee, to organize the National forces of the United States, is intended to meet the present exigencies of the country. It is very comprehensive in its operations. It authorizes drafting to all the States and Territories, and the assignment of the conscripts to regiments already in existence. If the bill becomes a law, no obstacles to its execution, it is believed, will be interposed by State authority.

THE SIGNAL DEPARTMENT.

The bill providing for the organization of a Signal Department, reported this morning from the Military Committee, provides for one Colonel, one Lieutenant-Colonel, two Majors, and for each Army Corps or Military Department, two Captains and not more than eight Lieutenants, and each Signal Officer one Department and seven privates; the officers to be appointed by the President, and no officer or enlisted man to be appointed until after he shall have been examined and approved by a Board appointed by the Secretary of War.

THE MISSOURI SENATORSHIPS.

Private dispatches to Senator HARLAN indicate the probability of the speedy election of either Governor HUNTER or one of the United States Senatorships from Missouri. The election of HUNTER would be so far unfortunate that it would be impossible to elect another Radical Republican now in his District.

THE PAPER DUTIES.

Representatives of the Cincinnati and Louisville Press, and of the Western Associated Press, are here to attend the meeting of newspaper publishers to-morrow. The New-York, Boston and Philadelphia Press are also represented.

CITIZEN PRISONERS.

Col. LEDLOW is here to consummate arrangements for the release of citizen prisoners in the South. He has arranged with Mr. OLIN, Confederate agent, for an exchange, subject to the approval of the War Department. The exchange of officers is awaiting the decision of the Confederate Congress on Danger, preliminary proceedings, and Col. LEDLOW says the matter will, without further difficulty, be adjusted, and all the officers exchanged.

GOVERNMENT CotTON.

Senator WADE introduced the following:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to communicate to the Senate the amount of Government cotton sold in New-York since the blockade of the Southern ports; the time when such sales were made; by and to whom sold; the amount of commissions paid, and the expenses of storage; also, the names of all persons in any way interested in such sales.

NOMINATED.

Hon. JOHN B. S. TODD, delegate from Dakotah Territory, was to-day nominated to the Senate as Brigadier-General.

GOV. PIERRPONT.

Gov. PIERRPONT, of Virginia, is here.

TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Feb. 9.

THE NEW MILITARY BILL.

Senator WILSON'S new military bill enrols all able-bodied male citizens between 18 and 45 years of age, as militia, liable to be called into service by the President.

The exempts are those rejected as physically, mentally, or morally unfit for the service; such as are necessary for the support of aged or infirm persons, orphans, or helpless children, and paupers, provided they are unable to render an equivalent for personal service; the Vice-President of the United States; the Judges of the various courts of the United States; the only son of aged or infirm parents dependent on him; heads of executive departments; the only brother of children not twelve years old, having neither father or mother; the father of motherless children under twelve years of age, which father and sons are in the service as privates, the other sons, not exceeding two; a father having two or more children under fourteen, residing on a farm of not more than fifty acres, upon which he is dependent for support.

Section third divides this military force into two classes, the first comprising all persons subject to military duty between 18 and 35, and all unmarried persons between 35 and 45; the second, embracing all others, are not liable to be called into service until the first class is exhausted.

For convenience in calling out this force, and in the arrest of deserters and spies, the Union is divided into districts, each comprising a Congressional district in the States, the District of Columbia being one, and one or more in each territory; each district to have a provost-marshal, with the rank and pay of a captain of cavalry, under a provost-marshal general, who, with the approval of the Secretary of War, may make rules and regulations for this department of the service. It is made the duty of these officers to arrest all deserters wherever found, and send them to the nearest commander, to inquire into and report all treasonable practices, and to detect, seize and confine spies. Enrolling officers are to be appointed in sub-districts. Persons drafted, and failing to report, are to be seized and tried for desertion. Any Surgeon conniving at fraud in inspection is punishable by $200 to $500 fine and imprisonment, and is to be cashiered. Drafted persons are entitled to the pay and bounty of volunteers. A substitute furnished entitles the one drafted to a discharge. Articles of clothing or equipment may not be bought or sold or received under severe penalties. Officers absent on leave to receive half pay, and without leave shall forfeit all pay, and enlisted men detailed for special service are not entitled to extra pay.

SENATOR SUMNER'S NEGRO SOLDIERS BILL.

Senator SUMNER'S bill to raise additional soldiers for the service of the United States provides that all able-bodied males, between the ages of 18 and 45, not free by The Act of Aug. 6, 1861, or by that of July 17, 1862, or by the recent Proclamation of the President, or by any other legal or competent authority, exercised in suppressing the rebellion, shall be enrolled, armed and equipped as a military force of the United States, to a number not exceeding 300,000; to be paid $11 per month, one-half each month and the remainder at the end of the service; to be officered and commanded by persons appointed and commissioned by the President; each private, at the end of his service, to be entitled to 40 acres of land, to be used as a homestead, and each officer to 25 acres. Section 3d authorizes the voluntary enrollment of persons of African descent in any part of the United States.

NEWS FROM VICKSBURGH.

A letter received from the vicinity of Vicksburgh says, the enemy are fortifying all the points commanding the river below the city, but they do not seem to have done for all their works. The canal dug last summer was but a mere ditch, nine feet wide at the top, and sloping to nothing. This has been doubled in width, and water was on the 20th of January running through. The digging of another canal was to be commenced the next day, but this was not the only means for effecting a landing on the Mississippi River.

THE ELECTION CASES.

The House Committee on Elections decide unanimously against the claim of J. E. BOWEN to a seat from a portion of the District in Tennessee now represented by Messrs. MAYNARD and CLEMENTS. They say that he bases his claim on an election ordered by the rebels, after they had repudiated the Statutes, and to the fact that he received the Union votes at that election.

The same Committee, reporting against the claim of LEWIS MCKENZIE, from the Seventh District of Virginia, say that there were cast only 569 votes, of which he had 337; that a large portion of the voters were absent from the District, and that until an opportunity can be given to all those who remain to vote, there can be no fair election.

PAROLES OF REBEL OFFICERS.

The Secretary of War, in response to an inquiry of the House, has replied by inclosing a communication from Maj. Gen. HALLECK, who states that to his knowledge no paroles have been granted to rebel officers, since he issued his order of December last, viz.: No officer, prisoner of war, will be released on parole until further orders; or since the retaliatory order of JEFFERSON DAVIS. Medical officers, however, are excepted from the rule.

THE BANKS TRANSPORTS.

The report of Senator GRIMES on the alleged abuses in the charter and outfit of transports for the Banks and other expeditions, a very voluminous document, arrives at the following conclusions:

First—That all Government vessels should be secured through legitimate channels by officers responsible to advertisements.

Second—The practice of employing agents with unlimited power to fix the rate of charter cannot be justified.

Third—That all vessels should be thoroughly inspected by competent experts, responsible to the military branch of the Government.

Fourth—That the monopoly of chartering vessels by HALL, LOPEZ and others, cannot be justified.

Fifth—That JOHN THORNE, Assistant Secretary of War, and Gen. JAMES BURNSIDE, United States Army, knew and tolerated such monopoly.

Sixth—That no one should be allowed to act in the double capacity of broker and shipowner.

Seventh—That the commissions received by HALL, LOPEZ, DAWSON and others, amounting to hundreds of thousands, rightfully belonged to the Government, and should be refunded.

Eighth—That many charters obtained through these persons were at extravagant rates.

Ninth—That COLLINS and PERKINS should be made to refund their ill-gotten gains.

Tenth—That no charter money should be paid to the persons above named.

Eleventh—That Col. JAMES BURNS should be court-martialed.

Twelfth—That JOHN B. DAWSON is guilty of violation of law.

Thirteenth—That the War Department should exercise vigilance in such cases to prevent loss and restore confidence in its management.

Fourteenth—That the facts relative to paying in cases of false claims should be inquired into.

UMBRELLA INSURANCE.—The obscurity which has surrounded the right of property in umbrellas, from the days of the daring JONAS HANWAY to days present, is at last cleared away by Yankee ingenuity. A Mr. FOOTE has not only established the doctrine that there is such a thing as ownership of the article, but has showed how to maintain it. His "lock umbrella stand," in fact an ornamental piece of furniture, has the advantage of giving the proprietor the sweet certainty of "finding his umbrella" if the handle were within his grasp. The moment the umbrella drops to its place in the rack, the handle, by a simple movement, grasped and held firmly in the clutch of a lock which nothing but the key specially manufactured for the purchaser discomfiture has yet broken. The key, which is practically a pass-without-fee for the article, is of less weight and no greater size than a nickle cent, and adds no perceptible weight to the vest pocket. The invention is at once ingenious and useful. Its introduction into counting-rooms, hotels, offices and halls, and other places of public and private resort, must become general.

THE MEDIATION PROJECT.

Action of Messrs. Greeley, Vallandigham, Merrick, Pillsbury and Wm. Cornell Jewett.

From the Herald, Feb. 8.

BATAVIA, Feb. 7, 1863.

Hon. W. H. Seward, Secretary of State, Washington:

My attention has been directed in editorials in the New-York TIMES, World and Washington Intelligencer, charging "intrigue," "disloyalty" and violation of the law of 1799, in connection with "mediation" movement, made important by an announcement from the State Department that assurances and solicitations had been made by the Minister of France. The announcement coming without qualification or set disavowal either Representative VALLANDIGHAM, Hon. HORATIO GRANBERY or myself—indicated a special visit to Washington to confer with Count MAGENTA, who, with usual diplomatic and private courtesy, at all times manifest in the justly able and distinguished representative of France, granted me but evening an immediate interview, at which time informing me you had charged me and parties in connection as liable to the law of 1799, stating your unqualified disapproval of my independent action as being an interference with the duties of Government. As due to myself and the distinguished gentleman leading into their indictment to what I deem a laudable pursuit, I present to show your error, with a vindication of my conduct.

As early as April of last year I urged an increase of the forces against the views of the Administration, asking you in person to secure to me the adoption of the Government in a contemplated European trip to serve my country. It was finally refused. Then my independent trip, resulting in the "mediation" policy of France—with my return to advocate it. It will be remembered this "mediation" move was the first open policy of any foreign Government in the American war. The late published views of France show it was sought for compromise without a mode, and under reliable Southern sympathy. My communication to foreign Governments, Oct. 1, urged for the first an international court. My communication to the Emperor of France, Oct. 14, urged his Majesty to "inaugurate a movement resulting in arbitrating the differences between the conflicting interests of my country." Thus the "mediation" avowed policy of France, in letters to England and Russia, Oct. 22, and thus the period Napoleon commenced viewing the subject as a statesman, dropping his sympathies for the South, and acting upon duty to the interests of the world—thus his friendly character and desire to restore peace and harmony upon the best terms. The evidence of cooperation is in a letter published by me from the Emperor of France, through his Cabinet, with late published documents forwarded from Washington, as published in the Paris Moniteur. On returning I made an address to the American people, through the Portland Advertiser, urging "mediation," amid general hostility—from a believed hostility of France in the move—in connection with the South. My plan was, first, to seek the power of Hon. HORACE GREELEY—thus reach the Republican Party; secondly, Count MAGENTA—thereby power to remove the prejudice against France. In interviews with Mr. GREELEY, I urged the policy and justice of mediation as a means of peace and to prevent threatened revolution, at the same time freely expressing my views as to the independent position of the South for the peacefulness, and that of the North for the freedom of the slave, placing a local settlement out of the question. And what more just tribunal outside than that selected from the world? He urged many objections—among them, to his mind, the hostility of NAPOLEON to the progress of the American Republic—all of which I answered, the latter with the plain argument, France desires not to be a party in arbitration unsolicited, but simply asks the mediation of the people. He then, to the immeasurable Jesuit editorial of November 22, received with such astonishment by his party and the people. A revolution in sentiment, to save a revolution in a nation and secure honorable peace—raising to for him countless friends in heretofore foes—his claim to revolution, the "slave proclamation," not suspended, the North not united or mediation not accepted, to destroy that of the leaders of a party noble in liberty of purpose. The act to me was that of a direct manifestation of Providence, to stand as prominent in history as that of Washington in his purpose. Hence GREELEY, the uncompromising champion of an abolition sentiment, deaf to reason or compromise, is found ready to submit his position to a fair tribunal, while NAPOLEON, a monarch for the good of mankind, is found self-sacrificing enough to openly cooperate in maintaining a republic.

I subsequently, through interviews with Count MAGENTA, was enabled to THWART Mr. GRANBERY'S proposition against France and that portion of the people taken in conviction, under the clear proof of the dispatch published from the Cabinet of France. I also sought the cooperation of Representative VALLANDIGHAM in his able peace speech—the "mediation" views. I have since solicited the favor of leading Senators and statesmen. Outside of the proof I now offer, I appeal to the great heart of the American people in protestation me or not guilty of treason, intrigue or want of love to our country.

II. As to Mr. GREELEY'S position. I now furnish his letter to me, which will at once commend itself to the favorable judgment of the American people and mankind. The heart of the patriot—the just—is in it.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 3, 1863.

W. H. Seward, Esq., Washington, D. C.:

DEAR SIR—In whatever you may do to restore peace to our distracted country, bear these things in mind:

1. Whatever action is taken must be between the Government of the United States and the recognized authorities of the Confederacies. There must be no conferring, no conferences between unofficial persons. All you can do is to render authorized negotiations possible by opening a way for them.

2. In such negotiations our Government cannot and without a traitor's treachery cannot, intimate or even hint that the Confederacies have taken the initiative. The report originated in the belief that they evince a preliminary willingness to make peace; and on being assured that this is reciprocated they must initiate the formal proposition.

3. If arbitration shall be resorted to, these conditions must be respected. First—The arbiter must be a Power which has evinced no partiality or unfriendliness to either party. Second—One that has no interest in the partition or downfall of our country. Third—One that does not desire the future of the Northwest to be a question in controversy. Great Britain and France are necessarily excluded by their having virtually confessed their wishes that we should be divided; and Louis NAPOLEON has an especial interest in proving republics impracticable. For if the republican is a legitimate, beneficent form of government, what must be the verdict of history on the destroyer of the French Republic?

You will find, I think, no hearty supporter of the Union who will agree that our Government can rightfully be the arbiter, except on a fairly agreed proposition from the Confederacies, proposing arbitration by a friendly Power or Powers. I can consider no man a friend of the Union who makes a parade of peace propositions or peace agitation prior to such action.

Yours, HORACE GREELEY.

M. Count MAGENTA authorizes me to say the sole object of my interviews was to learn the real purposes of France to govern me in serving my country; that I had no desire to interfere with the Administration, although opposing the "slave proclamation," upon its tendency to weaken their power in prosecuting the war.

III. As to a violation of the law of 1799, I quote: "Whosoever shall, without the authority or permission of the Government of the United States, directly or indirectly, commence or carry on any verbal or written correspondence or intercourse with any foreign Government, or any officer or agent thereof, with an intent to influence the measures or conduct of any foreign Government, or of any officer or agent thereof, in relation to the disputes or controversies with the United States, or defeat the measures of the Government of the United States, or if any person, being a citizen or resident within the United States, and but only authorized, shall commit, advise, or assist in any act, with intent, as aforesaid, which an authorized agent shall be deemed guilty of high misdemeanor."

My visit to Europe and acts in connection with foreign Governments having nothing to do with "any of our disputes or controversies" with Foreign Governments, but solely conducent to cooperation in securing peace and union—a "measure" of the Administration and Hon. HORACE GREELEY, Representative VALLANDIGHAM, Count MAGENTA and others, advising or otherwise with me, "with intent, as aforesaid." As a matter of course, neither have violated the law. This settles that beyond controversy, as clear as that the blockade at Charleston is not removed unless a Southern force can, practically, be said-to-be possession. Independent of this, my position, established within the law, through my friends, I retain constitutional citizen sovereign rights, paramount to that of the Government, who are agents only of the people. While I deny lawful authority, I do not surrender to them my inalienable right to freedom of act and thought in connection with either my personal or national interests. The liberty of a people peaceably to dismember, under a Republican Government, it is reckoned as a check. Through Southern privy and Northern unbridled administration of this policy, our Union is threatened. Who shall save it? The people. I, as one, have invoked "mediation." May God make it a means of peace and union. Why should the Administration bemoan or criticise the legality of individual disinterestedness of action for country, while constantly usurping how to save the nation? I but exercise the deemed right of a freeman, responsible alone to the people nationally, as I am alone responsible to my God for my private acts. War not crime. Let the Government, in violation of constitutional law, rather heal the breach of a dismembered people—make them to save the Union. God help the North as a unit to join with the Administration to secure a powerful force, not weak, all power in contention or otherwise for a speedy peace. If this fail, then union. The North to joining Europe, however, for peace, upon the South; thereby the South great need the world will be. The North will be the battle-field. Let me, as a patriot, conjure you, in these days of danger, rather to "mediation," said, and let the Government calmly ask itself the question, "Can we carry on this war with success?" If the decision be "No," then for "Mediation," or some other mode to prevent impending disaster. The day, I know, is unpopular. I am for prosecuting this war, regard the wise proclamation policy, from its tendency to divide the North. Without it, we must strong; with it, weak." "Senator SUMNER," I replied, "urged me to unite the Democratic party with the Administration in this war." "Do now, can I," I replied, "without a stand-still slave proclamation policy?" He replied, "The slave must be free; and why not in a united North, with victory, or through a just tribunal, decided upon the shield of the destitute?"

Would that Senator SUMNER could rise to the lofty position of the statesman on this momentous question, meeting either the policy of the North or "mediation," as he did, so nobly in opposition to the McDonald resolutions, defeating a war design with a new corresponding friend—France. How grand the monument thus erected by future generations to the memory of CHARLES SUMNER, who, in the Senate of the United States, "prevented a war with France and restored peace to his native land through "mediation," thereby submitting to the judgment of the world the great question—shall America be united under valorous freedom?

WM. CORNELL JEWETT.

THE MEETING AT DELMONICO'S.—We beg to say for the benefit of the Express, (what we are quite sure some more careful readers of the TIMES do not need to hear,) that the letter in our columns day before yesterday, concerning the Delmonico meeting, was intended merely as a satirical gush. We did not suppose any one could take it to be a serious report. The Express certainly ought not to have been so easily misled.

Mr. S. B. MOZER published a card in the Evening Post, to say that he did not sign the call for the meeting, that he did not preside over it, that he was not present at it, that he is not connected with the Ogsbury, and that, instead of sympathizing with rebels and Secessionists, he is a "thorough, out-and-out, unconditional Unionist,"—believing that the continuance of Slavery and its abolition are both very light evils compared with a division of the American Union.

Mr. S. J. TILDEN published a letter in the Post to correct its report of his remarks at the meeting. He says it was a purely loyal meeting—that the subject of peace was not even mentioned, and that he heard there "no suggestion which was not moderate, patriotic and constitutional." He says that some of the gentlemen present were to be of that class called war democrats; and one, at least, a republican. "In my opinion," he adds, "the first proposition for a dishonorable peace will come—not from those who fought, saw and endeavored to avert civil war, but from that class of the Republicans who were, in a peculiar degree, its authors." Mr. TILDEN dwells at considerable length on the dangers we are incurring of running into violent and revolutionary methods of putting down the rebellion. He says he is quite aware "how difficult is the conduct of a constitutional opposition, during a period of war; how necessary it is to guard against its degenerating into faction, and to keep the measures directed to attaining the utmost practical good for the country at every varying stage of public affairs—the knowledge that such an opposition is often the only means of preserving civil liberty, or of conducting an existing war to a successful termination."

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CAMPBELL—BOERER.—In Yorkville, on Wednesday, Feb. 4, by Rev. Mr. Lansberry, JOHN H. CAMPBELL and EMMA L. BOERER, all of this City. No cards.

HERMAN—CHAMBERS.—In this City, on Sunday, Feb. 8, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. Dr. Spencer, D. D., J. ALFRED HERMAN, Adjutant 20th Regt. New-York Volunteers, and MISS HERRIETTA V., youngest daughter of Benjamin Chambers, Esq., all of this City. No cards.

POTTERSON—TOWNSEND.—In Yorkville, Westchester County, on Tuesday, Feb. 3, by Rev. Mr. Ward, JAMES POTTERSON, of Longitude, and ANNETTA, daughter of John Townsend, of the former place. No cards.

DIED.

BARCLAY.—In this City, on Saturday night, Feb. 7, Rev. CUTHBERT C. BARCLAY, Rector of All Saints' Church.

His friends and relatives, and the vestry, are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, on Tuesday, Feb. 10, at All Saints' Church, in Henry-st., at 3 o'clock, without further invitation.

BIRD.—In New-Rochelle, on Saturday, Feb. 7, JOHN H. BIRD, after a long illness, aged 42 years, 1 month and 17 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, without further notice, on Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 12 o'clock P. M. Carriages will be in waiting at the depot at 1 o'clock P. M. His remains will be interred at New-Rochelle.

BAYLIS.—In Utica, on Saturday, Feb. 7, CORNELIA, wife of W. F. P. Baylis, and daughter of David Davis, of Brooklyn, in the 22d year of her age.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, without further notice, on Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 2 o'clock P. M., in the Central Congregational Church, Orange-st., Brooklyn.

BIRKENWATER.—In this City, on Friday, Feb. 6, at the residence of his father, HENRY, aged 28 years, son of F. M. and Julia E. Birkenwater, of Indianapolis, Ind.

BISHALL.—In this City, on Monday morning, Feb. 9, DAVID BISHALL, aged 81 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, No. 1 United Place, (Gay-st.,) on Tuesday, at 10 o'clock A. M., without further invitation.

BRADLEY.—In this City, on Monday, Feb. 9, after a long illness, HENRY ANN, wife of Joseph H. Bradley, in the 35th year of her age.

"We weep for those—a quiet bed—
The tie of life is broken;
A heart of love by death is sped
Now rests in peace unspoken."

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, No. 32 CHAMBERS-ST., New-York, Feb. 7, 1863.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ASSESSMENT ROLLS of the REAL and PERSONAL ESTATE of the City and County of New-York, for 1863, will be open for inspection and review from the 10th day of February, 1863, to the 20th day of February, 1863, inclusive, at the office of the undersigned, and that the Commissioners of Taxes will meet at their office on the 20th day of February, 1863, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of hearing and deciding upon the complaints of the taxpayers of the City and County of New-York, touching the assessments of their Real and Personal Estate in the City and County of New-York, as the same shall appear on said Assessment Rolls, when and where any person or persons may be present to object to the same, if they shall think proper so to do. Notice is hereby given that the said Assessment Rolls will be open to public inspection and review, as aforesaid, for the purpose of hearing and deciding upon the complaints of persons who may be present to object to the same, if they shall think proper so to do, and that no other or further notice will be given of the time and place of such hearing and review. Notice is hereby also given that if any person or persons who shall be assessed upon said Assessment Rolls, or any of them, shall not be present to object to the same, if they shall think proper so to do, and shall not be satisfied with the decision of the Commissioners of Taxes, upon the complaint of any person or persons who may be present to object to the same, if they shall think proper so to do, such person or persons may then and there make a written or printed application to the Commissioners of Taxes, specifying the grounds of such complaint, and the Commissioners of Taxes will then and there hear and decide upon such application, and if the same be found to be correct, and the decision of such Commissioners of Taxes be in relation to the assessment of property, the same shall be corrected. If such application be made in relation to the assessment of property, the Commissioners of Taxes shall

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FROM THE CAROLINA COAST.

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way, repeated the capture, by three rebel batteries, of the United States steamer *Isaac Smith*.

It appears from Lieut.-Commanding Bacon's reports, herewith enclosed, that in the afternoon of the 31st ult., he sent the *Isaac Smith*, Acting Lieut. Gerdes, up Stono River, to make a reconnoissance, as had been frequently done for weeks previous; she had gone some miles beyond Legareville, without seeing the enemy, and was on her way back; when about a mile above that place, and in a bend of the river, three batteries, heretofore concealed, opened a concentration fire upon her, firing heavy rifled guns. Lieut.-Commanding Bacon, who with the Commodore McDonough, was anchored down the river, immediately, on hearing the firing, proceeded to her assistance. Soon after he had got under way, he discovered that a white flag was flying from the *Isaac Smith*, and that the firing from the shore had ceased. On arriving abreast of Legareville, she was seen to be aground about a quarter of a mile above the bend in the river, and two of her boats were observed going on shore loaded with officers and men.

The Commodore, McDonough, steed up toward the head, with the intention of either towing her off or destroying her. But after reaching the bend she was fired upon by the same three batteries, one on the bend, one half a mile above the bend, on St. John's Island, mounting six heavy guns, and one back and to the left of Legareville. Lieut.-Commanding Bacon immediately returned the fire from his rifled guns, and by keeping his vessel in motion, going ahead and backing, succeeded in escaping injury from the enemy's shells, which struck all around the ship. It becoming dark, he ceased firing, and dropped down to the entrance of the bar.

Lieut.-Commanding Bacon reports that the *Isaac Smith* was under a heavy cross-fire, and just before it ceased a large cloud of steam was ascending from her, which probably rendered her unmanageable and caused her to run aground. Notwithstanding all the vigilance exercised by the commanding officers of the *Isaac Smith* and Commodore McDonough, the enemy, who held complete possession of the surrounding country and islands, succeeded in erecting the batteries by which the *Isaac Smith* was taken, masking them so skillfully that their existence was unknown.

I have had no means of ascertaining the casualties on board the *Isaac Smith*, but it is my purpose to do so by a flag of truce at the earliest moment, though I presume the Department will receive information through Southern sources on this point before it can be obtained here.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
S. F. DUPONT, Rear Admiral,
Commanding South Atlantic Blockading Squadron.

GEN. FOSTER'S EXPEDITION

The Embarkation and Departure from Beaufort.

SEALED ORDERS.

ARRIVAL AT PORT ROYAL.

Ultimate Destination of the Squadron.

Generals Foster and Hunter in Consultation.

BEAUFORT HARBOR, N. C., Thursday, Jan. 29, 1863.

The grand expedition which for the last month has been fitting out in this harbor is just starting on its southward journey. A series of adverse storms and various mishaps have delayed the departure much beyond the time originally fixed upon. But now, at last, the whole fleet are tripping their anchors, and the whole harbor is busy with preparations for sailing. Steamers, tugs and schooners have been cautiously making their way through the narrow and crowded channel, now and again barely escaping collisions, which would seriously interfere with the intention of Gen. FOSTER to get the whole fleet under sail at the moment when the wind and tide changed, and the whole harbor has presented a scene of the greatest activity.

Major-Gen. FOSTER and Staff came down from Newbern in a special train on Tuesday, the 27th, with the intention of getting the expedition off at 12 o'clock on the following day, and orders to that effect were given to the Commanders of the different vessels. But the remnants of a fierce northeaster, left from the storm which for several days had been prevailing, greatly to the hazard of the fleet, made navigation in and out of this dangerous harbor too perilous for the exact fulfillment of his purpose, and Wednesday passed without the intended movement. To-day, however, the wind has abated, and orders were early signaled from the flagship, the *S. R. Spaulding*, for immediately making all preparations for sailing at the moment the tide changed, and soon the fleet was brought into the proper order. The intention had been to have the sailing vessels go out under tow of the steamers, but in view of the danger in crossing the bar, the water on which, even when the tide came in in the afternoon, was shallow enough to make the passage of some of the largest vessels just sufficiently hazardous to be interesting and exciting, the schooners received orders to make sail without tows, and to lead the way. They have just safely passed the bar, and are scudding out to the sea with all sails set, and with the prospect, if the present wind continue, of making our unknown harbor soon after the steamers are anchored there. The *Cahaba*, the flag-ship of Gen. NAGLEE, leads the steamers and passes the bar with but the slightest and gentlest touches upon the treacherous sands, and thus demonstrate, as she is one of the largest craft in the harbor, that there is depth of water enough for the remainder to safely make their way out of the confined harbor, and push out to sea. In crossing, however, she comes near giving a tragical initiation to the expedition. Just as the pilot is carefully steering her through the narrow channel, the *James S. Green*, one of the oldest and feeblest of the transports, and carrying the well known *Eugenia Perine*, of New-York, pushes in front of her bows, and barely escapes being cloven asunder by the larger and stouter vessels, and a schooner, which is quickly making her way on the starboard side of the *Cahaba*, loses her bowsprit from vanishing 150 near the steamer's wheelhouse. The *City of Bath*, one of the steam transports, strikes heavily enough in crossing to impair to a degree the efficiency of her engines, but she is briskly making her way, and promises to have an otherwise safe and undisturbed passage.

The troops are embarked on transports and chartered steamers, the character of the majority of which is perhaps those that of those which imperiled the lives of so many in the Banks Expedition, but which is still not entirely above suspicion. A large number of schooners are laden with forage, subsistence, artillery and horses. The entire fleet makes quite an imposing appearance. Though I shall of course, refrain from mentioning the number of troops embarked, I may without hazard say, that they are comprised principally of veteran New-York and Pennsylvania regiments, with several of the best Massachusetts and Ohio regiments. Amongst the Generals with the Expedition are Maj.-Gen. FOSTER, Gen. NAGLEE, Gen. PORTER, Gen. STEVENSON, the young Gen. HECKMAN, lately Colonel of the Ninth New-Jersey, and Gen. FERRY; and Col. DAVIS, of the One hundred and Fourth Pennsylvania, is acting as a Brigadier-General, and commands a force which has learnt war in all the battles of the Peninsula.

The sailing of the expedition has been delayed, not only by adverse winds, and the slow movements of some officials, but also by the narrow capacity of the harbor, into which the fleet has been crowded. Every day has had its record of one or more craft aground on the shoals, or defaced in some collision; but at length nearly all have recovered from these mishaps, and the expedition leaves with its full complement of vessels.

The troops have eagerly hailed the preparations for moving and are in the best of spirits, in spite of the fact that most of them have for nearly a week been compelled to endure the hardship of close confinement on shipboard. They are all, officers and men, earnest in the discussion of what is to be our probable destination. Wilmington, Charleston and Savannah have each their advocates, though it is most generally thought, or perhaps hoped, that the great birthplace of secession is to be the point where they are destined to strike. Let the curious do their guessing now, while the sea is comparatively still, for a few hours out and Neptune will engross their attention with other matters. The closest secrecy has been observed by the Commanding General as to his purposes, and with the exception, perhaps, of the Division Commanders under him, none of the officers have been permitted to share with him the possession of the word after which all are eagerly searching. Gen. NAGLEE promised his men a chance to do a brilliant thing, and win a fame of which they will always be proud, and they are ready to do their best.

Last night the sealed orders were delivered to the commanders of the different vessels, the envelopes bearing the printed direction: "*Not to be opened until off Wilmington.*" But this morning the order was changed, and the direction given to open the envelopes when forty miles down the coast.

The expedition is under command of Maj.-Gen. FOSTER, but Gen. H. M. NAGLEE has had a leading part in the arrangement of the plans, and will be prominent in carrying them into execution. In case of the success of the expedition in conquering new territory from the rebels, it is understood Gen. NAGLEE will have command, may be, of a new department, and will use any place we may take as a base of an energetic campaign.

ARRIVAL AT PORT ROYAL.

PORT ROYAL HARBOR, Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1863.

After a pleasant voyage of something over forty hours, the flag-ship *Cahaba* arrived at this port on the morning of Saturday, the 31st of January, and in the course of the day the remaining steam vessels of the fleet came in, with the exception of the *S. R. Spaulding*, Gen. FOSTER'S flag-ship, and a few others, which it seems did not leave Beaufort with the bulk of the expedition, but remained until the following day before crossing the bar. These arrived here this morning. The sailing vessels are also fast coming in, and to-night all, or nearly all, will be safe at anchor in this fine harbor.

Upon the arrival of Gen. NAGLEE he was met by Gen. HUNTER, who was congratulating himself that the heavily laden transports coming into the harbor, were bringing the reinforcements which he had been expecting. In this he was mistaken, and Gen. FOSTER, who to-day has been in conference with him, has doubtless by this time brought about a mutual understanding. As to the further destination of the expedition, for it evidently is not intended to stop here any length of time, there are many conjectures, but I refrain from giving currency to any of them, preferring to let the expedition itself tell what it is to do. To-day a portion of the troops are disembarking to stretch themselves after their confinement, get a breath of fresh air, and afford opportunity for the cleansing of the ships. I am able to say confidently that the troops we bring are not reinforcements for this Department, but have an especial object in view, which they will accomplish, it may be with the aid of some of the forces already here, but more likely without such aid; that they will have the coöperation of the navy, and especially of the Monitors, in any attack they may make, and that it is the hope and intention of those who have originated the expedition to speedily set about the important work they have in hand.

I leave to your regular correspondents at Hilton Head the narration of the stirring events in the midst of which we arrived at this port. It is possible that their occurrence at this moment may change to some extent the original purpose for which we have come here. CLINTON.

THE PRIZE STEAMER PRINCESS ROYAL.

Admiral Dupont's Official Account of her Capture.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Feb. 9.

The following has been received by the Secretary of the Navy, relating to the capture of the steamer *Princess Royal*:

FLAG-SHIP WABASH, PORT ROYAL, S. C., Jan. 31, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to report the capture, on the morning of the 29th inst., of the screw-steamer *Princess Royal*, while attempting to run the blockade into Charleston.

The following are the circumstances connected with her capture:

After standing in a mile and a half, Lieut.-Commander QUACKENBUSH observed a steamer standing along the land in the direction of Charleston. He fired two shots toward her, when her course was altered toward the beach, and she was run ashore. Two officers and an armed boat's crew were immediately sent to take possession. She proved to be the iron steam propeller *Princess Royal*, last from Bermuda, four days out, and laden, as far as he could learn, with rifled guns, arms, ammunition, steam engines for the iron-clads, and an assorted cargo. On taking possession, it was ascertained that the Captain, supercargo, pilot and some of the petty officers, and a passenger, had left the ship, when she struck, and escaped to the shore, which fact was substantiated by the chief mate, under supercargo and Chief Engineer, as well as by seeing the two missing boats lying on the beach deserted.

By the active exertions of Acting Master E. VAN SIZE, and Acting Ensign E. W. ROGERS, of the *Unadilla*, assisted by a boat's crew from the United States steamers *Housatonic* and *Astoria*, and schooners *Ward* and *America*, aided by two of the engineers of the prize, she was got off without sustaining any injury.

There not being sufficient coal on board the *Princess Royal* to send her North, she was ordered by the senior officer to this port to obtain a supply. No papers pertaining to the ship or cargo were found on board of her at the time, except the shipping articles and a log-book; but after her arrival here, Acting Master VAN SIZE of the *Unadilla*, the officer in charge of the prize, discovered accidentally, in looking over the side, certain papers which had lodged in the fender, in the attempt to throw them overboard. These refer principally to the cargo, and with the papers before mentioned, (which were all that were found on board,) will be forwarded to the United States District Judge, at Philadelphia.

The under supercargo, HEXLEY; the chief mate, SHAW; the Captain's clerk, a young man named HAZELHURST, whose father is said to be interested in the cargo, two of the engineers and several of the firemen, go North in the prize. The rest of the crew will be sent by the first opportunity.

I desire to call the attention of the Department to the fact that in this prize are two complete engines, said to be of great power, and intended for ironclads. Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
S. F. DUPONT,
Rear-Admiral Commanding South Atlantic Blockading Squadron.

Hon. GIDEON WELLES, Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D. C.

NEWS FROM NEW-ORLEANS.

ARRIVAL OF THE MARION.

Important Military Movements Expected Soon.

Preparations for the Attack on Port Hudson.

The steamship *Marion*, Capt. JOHNSON, arrived at this port yesterday afternoon, from New-Orleans, having left that port on the 2d inst.

Feb. 8, in lat. 26° 24', the *Marion* passed steamer *Star of the South*, bound to the southward.

Among the passengers by the *Marion* is Col. H. C. DEMME, who has resigned the office of Mayor of New-Orleans and the Colonelcy of the Twelfth Connecticut Regiment, and Count MERAN, the French Consul at New-Orleans, whose name has been rendered quite prominent by recent events.

The steamer *Gen. Williams*, formerly the *W. Burton*, a prize vessel, was sunk in the Mississippi on Jan. 30, near English Turn. She ran upon some obstruction which had previously been the means of sinking several vessels. No lives were lost.

An editorial article, which appeared in the evening edition of the *True Delta* on Thursday, which predicted that Gen. BANKS would do just the opposite of what his order No. 12 promised, was not suffered to appear in Friday's *True Delta*, and the editor, Dr. REMBERT, was reprimanded.

Houston (Texas) papers, received at New-Orleans, give additional particulars of the fight at Galveston. All award great gallantry and bravery to the defenders of the *Harriet Lane*. The following is the list of those who were killed and wounded on board of her:

Killed—Capt. J. M. Wainwright, First Lieut. Edward Lea, James Pollock, John Hart, Henry Newton.

Wounded—Nicholas Hagerty, E. M. Cunningham, O. Shoonover, G. R. Day, W. D. Parker, F. Morrell, Acting Master Hamilton, Acting Master W. L. Maurge, Lieut. Cowden, Ordnance Sergeant Wentworth, McDermott, Sailor, Jackson, Frazer, Herron, E. F. Joselyn, E. B. Double, F. S. Nott, J. Vindt, Emsley.

Many others slightly wounded, but not in hospital.

The *Delta* is informed by Paymaster EFFEN, of the steamer *Tennessee*, that the *Harriet Lane* has not got out of that port. Her masts have been taken out, and she has been towed round the bend, behind the town, to place her out of the range of the *Brooklyn's* guns.

The Houston *Telegraph*, of January 15, states that the guns of the gunboat *Westfield*, which was blown up in Galveston Bay, have all been fished up.

We are indebted to Purser PHILLIPS, of the *Marion* for favors.

DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF.

Highly Important Movements About to take Place—Affairs in the Lafourche District—Disturbance at Ship Island.

From Our Own Correspondent.

NEW-ORLEANS, Monday, Feb. 2, 1863.

Although "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick," and the Banks Expedition—so far—has had very little of consequence to show for itself, you must not imagine that we are altogether asleep. The work before us is great—I am not sure but that it is the very greatest yet undertaken in this war—we are a long distance from home, requiring vast amounts of transportation in men and materials; and these difficulties can only be overcome with time; a thing that rolls by with miraculous rapidity to those who have the difficulties to encounter, but with painful slowness to an anxious and excited public, who are watching only results, without always comprehending the means by which they must be obtained.

Any one who expected to see Port Hudson fall at the mere advent of Gen. BANKS, as the walls of Jericho crumbled before the trumpet blast of Joshua, was expecting too much. But it does not follow that because that rebel stronghold on the Mississippi has been taunting defiance in our faces all this time, it is to do so much longer. I have reason to know that measures of a strategic character are being taken that promise the most satisfactory results. Have no fear about our army here, or of anything that rebellion has to gain in this quarter; the only danger to the country—if any exists—is from the *North itself!*

AFFAIRS IN THE LAFOURCHE DISTRICT.

An officer just arrived from Berwick's Bay, tells me that conscript deserters, who have come within our lines, report that the rebels are fortifying the banks of Bayou Teche, by new rifle pits and batteries, below the points where the *Cotton* was destroyed a short time since; that the enemy are strongly reinforced at Franklin, and actually meditating an attack upon Brashear City. This is precisely what I foreshadowed as the inevitable result when, after causing the destruction of the *Cotton*, our forces returned to their encampment at Thibodeaux. The time has now come to make a clean sweep of the enemy from the whole of that district, and I shall be surprised if I am not able, very soon, to tell you of its having been done.

One night, early in the last week, the *Diana*, with one hundred men of an Illinois regiment, made an attempt to destroy the rebel steamer *Hart*; but owing to lowness of water, or some other insurmountable impediment, they did not get up to where the *Hart* lay, and failed in their object. Two secesh females, who came to Brashear City under a flag of truce, reported that FRAZER, the Captain of the rebel boat *Cotton*, was not so seriously wounded as was originally thought, and that he has been promoted.

DISTURBANCE AT SHIP ISLAND.

I am sorry to say that very plausible rumors are afloat here respecting a disorderly spirit having manifested itself among our troops at Ship Island, owing to the arrival there of a colored regiment. Reports go so far as to state that several officers have been arrested for mutinous conduct.

It is melancholy to hear of such proceedings, and it will be worth the while of our military authorities to consider, in time, whether there be not some way of entirely removing the irritating cause, without necessarily discarding a principle, at the suggestion of any factious and prejudiced officer, or body of officers, who may happen to be opposed to it.

While many cannot see, and the most inveterate opponents cannot give, any sensible reason why we should not employ colored forces against those who are employing them against us; while any unbiased person, honestly seeking the truth, can find abundant proof that men of the highest intelligence, refinement and military proficiency, are to be seen among the line officers (colored) of our colored troops; and while it is impossible for liberal-minded people to imagine why men possessing such qualities should not be entitled to the respect attending such possession, it is idle to attempt to confront and override suddenly the deep and almost universal feeling which exists upon this subject, and which is often found to break out in unpleasant manifestations whenever the two classes—white and colored—are brought into contact.

Two things would seem necessary to avoid this unhappy state of things: First, in case that white and colored regiments are not brought into immediate contact, except where it is utterly impossible to avoid it; and second, to let all the officers—including the line officers—be white men.

The reason for this is obvious. Let a colored Captain be ever so well-informed, efficient, gentlemanly and refined in his bearing, it is futile to expect—just now, at any rate—the most vulgar and illiterate white private to show him that respect to which he is, by position, entitled. This naturally begets bickerings, perhaps insubordination, where—if we are to use colored regiments at all—all should be harmoniously working together in the same good cause.

It is useless to regret this state of things, to argue against the abstract injustice of such prejudices against deserving men; we have to deal with the simple fact as it stands at present, and should adapt ourselves accordingly. Perhaps the time may come when opinions will change upon this subject, and when the colored man, meeting the foes of his country upon some deadly field of glory, will, by brute force and courage, wring from the world a reluctant confession of his manhood, when every effort of his intellect and good manners had failed to do so.

THREE DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE

THE EUROPA AT HALIFAX.

The French Government and the American Question.

ANOTHER PROJECT FOR A SETTLEMENT.

Commissioners from the North and South to Meet on Neutral Ground.

Hostilities Meantime Not to be Suspended.

HALIFAX, Monday, Feb. 9.

The Royal Mail steamship *Europa*, Capt. MOTT, from Liverpool 26th, via Queenstown 28th ult., arrived here at 7 P. M. to-day.

The steamship *Anglo Saxon*, from Portland arrived at Londonderry 23d, and reached Liverpool 24th.

The steamship *Hammonia*, from New-York, arrived at Southampton 23d.

The steamship *Glasgow*, from New-York, arrived at Queenstown 23d, and reached Liverpool 24th.

The steamship *St. Andrew*, from the Clyde for Portland, put into Londonderry 23d, five days out.

The ship *Permelia Fleed*, from New-Orleans for Liverpool, was abandoned at sea. The Captain was the only person saved.

The steamship *Wm. Corey*, from New-York for London, put into Falmouth 23d, leaky, decks swept, lost masts, &c.

The ship *Favorite*, from New-York, was ashore at Sligo.

The *Europa* had 56 passengers for Boston. She experienced heavy head winds. She passed, 27th, lat. 51°, lon. 14° 27', mail steamer *Asia*.

The *Europa* will sail at midnight.

The *Europa* left Liverpool at 10:30 A. M. on the 24th ult., and Queenstown on the evening of the 25th.

The *Anglo-Saxon* arrived at Londonderry on the morning, and the *Glasgow* at Queenstown, and the *Hammonia* at Southampton on the afternoon of the 23d ult.

THE AMERICAN QUESTION.

The Paris correspondent of the London *Times* has reason to know that official instructions have been sent by the French Government to Washington, suggesting that Commissioners be delegated by the Federal Government and by the Southern States, to *meet on neutral ground and confer together, without hostilities being suspended*, so that they might advise mutual concessions and effect a reconciliation, so desirable for the interests of the world.

The Paris *Pays* says: We believe that we are able to state, that the Government of the Emperor has addressed a communication to Washington proposing means of arrangement between the belligerents, which would fully protect the dignity (*amour propre*) of the Americans.

In Short also, says Prince, has urged the convocation of an American Congress, with a view to peace.

The London *Times* cannot perceive anything in the tone of the American people to give any very confident hope that the miseries of that nation are drawing to an end. The Democrats do not raise their voices in favor of peace. The more the Union vanishes out of sight the more do the two parties of the State vie with one another in frantic promises to renew it. "We must be sanguine to hope," says the *Times*, "that the deliverance for this people—most surely tried, because most entirely handed over to its own devices,—will come from some quarter, of which present circumstances afford no indications."

The *Army and Navy Gazette* thinks that the Federal success at Murfreesboro is more than counterbalanced by the defeat at Vicksburgh.

The London correspondent of the Manchester *Guardian* learns on excellent authority that the Confederate Government has been doing a very considerable stroke of business in England, through the medium of cotton warrants. These warrants are undertakings to deliver so much cotton at a fixed price, reported to be at from 2d. to 4d. per pound, so many days after sight, at any Confederate port, *after the recognition of the Confederacy*. He also says that it is reported that *the Confederacy has been tendering proposals to the British Government for some such provisionary and speculative transactions in cotton on a large scale.*

The *Times* editorially combats MYRES GIBSON's assertion that Slavery is the sole cause of the American war. It says that Slavery is only a part of the cause. It is the American Constitution which has broken down.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Lord PALMERSTON had issued his usual appeal to his supporters to be present at the opening of Parliament on the 5th of February.

DISRAELI had issued a similar summons to the opposition.

In the case of PARSONS' bankruptcy, in the Bankruptcy Court, it was stated that the value of his ships, which had been seized and condemned in Federal Prize Courts, was £120,000 sterling.

The *Times* has a sarcastic article on the Dublin meeting relative to the Galway subsidy. It concludes by saying if Ireland will insist on the indulgence always propitious, it is a small matter; so let her have it and digest it in peace.

The *Globe* (Ministerial organ) writes in a somewhat similar strain.

FRANCE.

Paris letters speak of probable animated debates in the Legislature on Italy, Mexico and the treatment of the Press, with considerable opposition to the Mexican war. The Emperor is reported to have said to a Member of Chambers, "The public do not yet understand the thought that dictated the Mexican expedition to me. It will be judged later by results, and every one will see it is one of the most important and glorious acts of my reign."

The Monitor denies that the French Consul at New-Orleans was superseded. He left merely on leave of absence.

The same journal says that the service of engages for Mexico were accepted from the Egyptian Government in the interests of humanity, they being proof against yellow fever.

Six thousand additional reinforcements have been ordered to Mexico.

The Bourse was heavy. Rentes 67 65c.

ITALY.

A Mazzinian plot in Naples, and the Mazzinian intrigues in the Marches and the Sicilies have been discovered.

The National Committee have issued a manifesto, denying that there has been any change of policy, and asserting allegiance to the King.

SPAIN.

The Government intends introducing a bill for a general amnesty.

GREECE.

The Weimar *Gazette* announces the Duke of Coburg's acceptance of the throne of Greece, on the condition that the house of Bavaria renounces its rights.

It is said that Russia protests against the Duke on account of his relationship to the English royal family.

GERMANY.

The proposal to establish a Chamber of Popular Delegates, in addition to the Federal Diet, had been rejected by that Assembly.

PRUSSIA.

The draft of an address of the Chamber of Deputies, to be presented to the King, if adopted, protests in strong terms against the violations of the Constitution by the Ministers, and declares that peace at home and power abroad can only be secured by the Government returning to a Constitutional state of things.

VERY LATEST VIA QUEENSTOWN.

LIVERPOOL, Sunday, Jan. 25.

There is no news of political importance to-day.

Insurrectionary outbreaks are taking place in Poland.

Commercial News by the Europa.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday, Jan. 24.

COTTON—The Brokers' Circular reports the sales of the week at 52,000 bales, of which 4,000 were taken by speculators and 2,100 by exporters. The market has been irregular, and prices have declined ¼d.@ ½d. for American, ⅛d. for Surats, and 1d. for other kinds. The sales of Friday were 4,000 bales, including 2,000 to speculators and exporters, the market closing dull, at the annexed quotations:

Fair Orleans	27d.	Middling Orleans	24d.
Fair Mobile	26d.	Middling Mobile	23¾d.
Fair Uplands	25d.	Middling Uplands	23d.

The stock in port is estimated at 306,000 bales, of which 65,000 are American.

STATE OF TRADE.—The Manchester Market is very dull, with a downward tendency.

BREADSTUFFS.—The Liverpool Breadstuffs Market is heavy and declining. RICHARDSON SPENCE & Co., WAKEFIELD, NASH & Co., and BUDGEN, ACTON & Co., report Flour dull and partially 6d. lower; American, 25s.@27s. 6d. Wheat still declining, and prices 1d.@ 2d. lower; Red Western, 9s. 1d.@9s. 3d., Red Southern, 10s.; White Western, 10s.@11s.; White Southern, 11s.@12s. Corn easier; Mixed, 30s.

PROVISIONS—The market has been steady. The above authorities report: Beef steady. Pork steady. Bacon irregular, and still declining. Butter steady. Lard firmer, but quiet: sales at 31s. 6d.@32s. Tallow quiet, but steady.

PRODUCE—The Brokers' Circular reports: Ashes easier; Pots 28s.; Pearls 31s. Rosin firm; common 20s.@27s. Spirits Turpentine, small sales at 120s. Sugar still declining, and 2d. lower. Coffee firm. Rice quiet, but steady. Linseed firm, and unchanged. Linseed Cakes quiet and unchanged. Linseed Oil quiet, but steady. Cod Oil, no sales.

LONDON MARKETS.

BARING'S circular reports BREADSTUFFS dull but steady at unchanged rates. Iron steady. Sugar dull and 6d. lower. Coffee buoyant and still advancing. TEA quiet but steady. RICE inactive. SPIRITS TURPENTINE tending downward, sales at 118s. ROSIN still advancing. TALLOW firm at 46s. 6d.@46s. 9d. LINSEED OIL still advancing, sales at 34s. LINSEED CAKES heavy and tending downward. SPERM OIL quiet and unchanged. PETROLEUM dull at 2s.

LONDON MONEY MARKET.

Consols closed on Friday at 92¾@92⅞ for Money. The Funds on the 23d were firm and tending down. Money was in limited demand, and rates in open market were a quarter below the Bank minimum.

AMERICAN SECURITIES.

Are still declining: U. S. 5s, 59@60; do. 6s, 67@69; Illinois Central shares, 40@39 discount; Erie shares, 45@46¾.

HAVRE MARKET—JAN. 22.

COTTON—Sales of the week, 3,000 bales; market flat and easier; New-Orleans fair ordinary, 81f.; do. fair, 102f.; stock, 54,000 bales.

LATEST VIA QUEENSTOWN.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday, Jan. 24—Evening.

COTTON—Sales, to-day, 5,000 bales, including 2,500 to speculators and exporters; market firmer, though quiet, but quotations unchanged.

Breadstuffs quiet but steady.

Provisions steady and unchanged.

LONDON, Saturday, Jan. 24—Evening.

Consols, for money, 92¾.

PARIS, Wednesday, Jan. 24.

Bourse heavy; Sesties, 66f. 65c.

FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

A Successful Reconnoissance on the Right Wing.

HEADQUARTERS, NEAR THE POTOMAC, Sunday, Feb. 8.

A reconnoissance was completed yesterday on the right wing of the army, which accomplished all the purposes for which it was intended, in the most successful manner.

Richmond papers of the 5th and 6th have been received. They as usual contain long extracts from the New-York papers, and rather a significant notice of three executions to take place in Richmond. The notice states that the executions are so frequent that they excite no attention whatever.

OUR ARMY CORRESPONDENCE.

Gen. Hooker's Reorganization of the Army—The Grand Divisions Abolished, &c.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY POTOMAC, Saturday Evening, Feb. 7, 1863.

Gen. HOOKER'S General Order, which I inclose, doing away with the Grand Divisions, though dated the 5th, were not distributed to the various commands until to-day. The order is to take effect immediately.

The breaking of the entire battalion pontoon train is a movement which has been under consideration for a long time. The rebel cavalry consists now of a separate, independent wing of the service, under command of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee. Gen. STUART had charge of the cavalry advance to Richmond, on the Peninsula.

Gen. BURNSIDE takes his departure on Monday. Last evening a subscription was started, subscribers to him, among the officers of his old division (now Howe's), for the purpose of presenting his lady with a set of silver plate, as a token of their regard for Gen. BURNSIDE. One thousand dollars was contributed in a very short space of time.

Gen. HOOKER is very hard at work in arranging and systematizing the numerous duties connected with his assumption of the command of the entire army. Several officers who were originally appointed from the line, on the Staff of Maj. Gen. McCLELLAN, and then Gen. BURNSIDE, have just been ordered back to their regiments. Some of them have been playing the role of Staff officers for about eighteen months, upward. Flags of truce continued to pass back and forth across the river. Owing to the fact that a citizen recently sent over under a flag of truce (to recover the remains of his son) was discovered taking drawings and sketches of the rebel works, Gen. LEE has refused further permission for parties to cross over. The weather has been mild and beautiful as ever.

GEN. HOOKER'S GENERAL ORDER.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, CAMP NEAR FALMOUTH, VA., Feb. 5, 1863.

1. The division of the army into "Grand Divisions" has, rather than facilitating the movement of its current business, and the exercise of its service, it is found to be, called upon to present things advance to the movement, and operations of heavy columns, is to be discontinued, and the Corps commanders is returned to its usual. They will be commanded as follows:

First Corps—Maj.-Gen. John F. Reynolds.
Second Corps—Maj.-Gen. D. N. Couch.
Third Corps—Maj.-Gen. D. E. Sickles. (Temporarily)
Fifth Corps—Maj.-Gen. George S. Meade.
Sixth Corps—Maj.-Gen. John Sedgwick.
Eleventh Corps—Maj.-Gen. Franz Sigel.
Twelfth Corps—Maj.-Gen. A. S. W. Slocum.

2. Hereafter the cavalry will be considered as a unit for the organization of the artillery, and as masters of horse will be made from one corps or division to other, under the supervision of equitation, and then only under the authority of the Chief of Artillery.

3. The cavalry of the army will be reorganized into one corps, under the command of Brig.-Gen. BUFORD, who will make the necessary assignments for duty.

4. The Sleeping corps is command will be made as early as convenient.

5. The Major Generals Commanding Grand Divisions will report to these Headquarters the names of such Staff Officers as are for assignment for duty in the execution of this order.

By command of Major-Gen. HOOKER.
JOHN DONNELLY, Assist. Adjut.-Gen.

Amusements.

GERMAN OPERA IN BROOKLYN.—To-night CARL ANSCHUTZ's German Opera Troupe, so successful in this City and in Philadelphia, will perform for the first time in the Brooklyn Academy of Music. The opera chosen is MOZART'S "Magic Flute," with Mme. JOHANNSEN, Mme. ROTTER, and Messrs. HAMMAN, WEHRLEIN and LORY in the cast. It is to be hoped that the people of Brooklyn will encourage this enterprise of Mr. ANSCHUTZ, and insure to themselves a continuation of his good will and efforts.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—Mr. WIKLINS' play of "Henriette" will be revived here to-night, for the first time in the new theatre.

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New-York, Feb. 9, 1863.

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